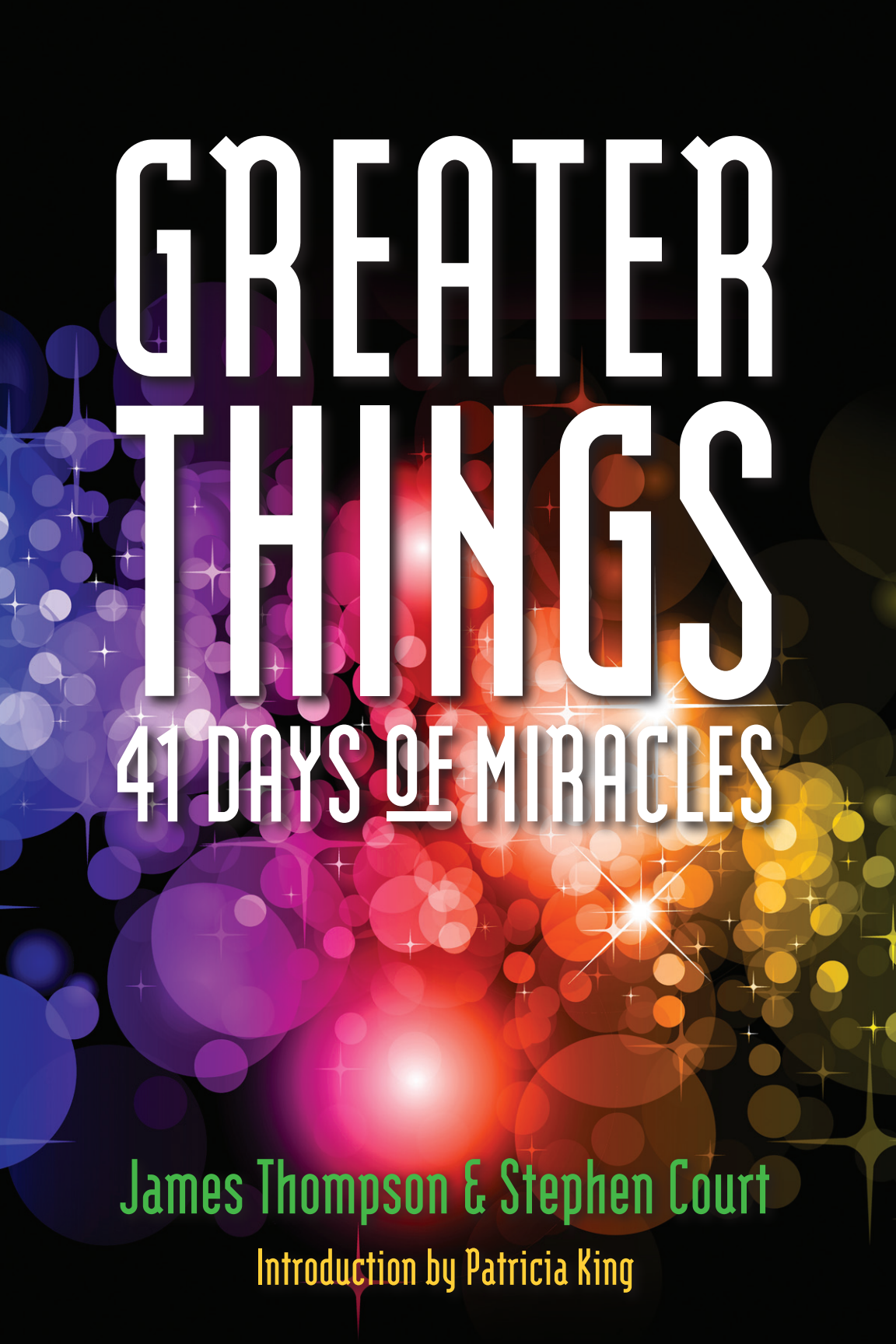




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will do what I have been doing.
He will do even
greater things than these,
because I am going to the Father.”

~Jesus Christ~
(John 14:12 NIV)

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UNDERSTANDING THE SALVATION ARMY TERMS DEFINITIONS

CORPS:

Mission Station

CORPS OFFICER:

Leader of a Mission Station

(SALVATION ARMY) COVENANTED:

A life long commitment to God through The Salvation Army

HOME LEAGUE:

Women's group that prays, teaches, fellowships, and evangelizes

SOLDIER:

Covenanted Salvation Army Warrior
(two varieties – Senior and Junior)

OFFICER:

Covenanted Vocational Leader in The Salvation Army

CAPTAIN, MAJOR, LIEUT-COLONEL, COMMISSIONER:

Officer ranks in The Salvation Army

TERRITORIAL COMMANDER:

Leader of The Salvation Army in a nation or large region
(e.g. UK or Canada)

Go For Souls Team:

An evangelistic team with the Go for Souls Conference

THE WAR CRY:

An evangelistic magazine

PREFACE

Excerpt from March 14, 1885 edition of *The War Cry*

by William Booth, Founder of The Salvation Army

My Dear Comrades:

A good deal of attention is being given just now to what are known as the extraordinary gifts of the spirit; that is, the ability to do something which is beyond the power of man to do without the direct operation of God. Such gifts as these were, without doubt, possessed by the Apostles both before and after the death of our Lord. They had the gift of tongues; that is, they received suddenly the power to speak languages which they had never learned. They had the gift of healing; that is, they cured the sick, opened the eyes of the blind, unstopped the ordinary means. They wrought miracles; they caused things to happen that were contrary to the usual course of nature. These were very remarkable gifts, proving that God was with them, because no man could do these things unless God was operating directly through him. These gifts were useful, inasmuch as they called attention to those who possessed them, declared that the mission of these Officers was Divine, and justified men everywhere in believing what they had to say. For this reason they

were important to the world, and their possession today might be a great blessing to mankind. There is not a word in the Bible which proves that we might not have them at the present time ... No man, therefore, can be condemned for desiring them ...

My comrades, let us covet, let us seek earnestly—nay, let us never rest until we possess, in all its fullness this celestial passion.

Believe me, yours full of expectation for ***greater things,***

A handwritten signature in dark ink on a light gray background. The signature reads "William Booth" in a cursive script, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William Booth

FOREWORD

by

Commissioners Hope & Stuart Mungate

It is so amazing to discover that God is the “same yesterday, today and forever.” Court and Thompson have produced a worthy material suitable for consumption either as a breakfast meal with the Lord or supper with the Savior Jesus Christ. Whatever time the reader chooses to follow the 41 Days of Miracles, it will prove to be truly enriching to their lives.

We are serving a God of miracles. He proved Himself a champion of miracles to the patriarchs, priests, prophets, kings, widows, and others in the Old Testament. He again displayed His character through Jesus Christ, His Son, in the New Testament. During that time miracles became commonplace and Jewish and Greek authorities demanded more miracles from Jesus. They had never seen anything like it before. The era of apostolic ministry was sealed with the power of the Holy Ghost enabling Christ’s followers to perform miracles as a sign of His presence with them. God proved again in Jesus Christ, that He is the unchangeable God!

The Gospel of Mark 16:17-18 (The King James Study Bible) quotes Jesus Christ making reference to signs as evidence to those who believe:

And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Some Bible scholars choose to dismiss these two verses as part of the “missing passage,” from verse nine to twenty, because they are not found in the two most ancient manuscripts, the Sinaitic and Vatican. Disapproving of signs and miracles, they base their assertions on this argument, and would lock the power of miracles only into the era of Christ’s life, ending with His death. This argument is a denial of a Christian’s responsibility to witness for Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit by surrendering to God’s will to equip Believers to perform signs, wonders, and miracles according to time, space, purpose and circumstance. It would be resisting the will of God not to believe in miracles.

Greater Things by James Thompson and Stephen Court is designed to help us understand that God’s power to perform miracles is beyond limitations imposed by human beings. This book takes you on a miraculous 41 day journey. It begins with passages of Scripture, then brings you to your knees in worship of God, and continues onward with the ministry suggestions that will help you reach out to the unsaved. This book is timely for the age in which we live. We recommend that you read this book daily, one section at a time, to grasp the mind and purpose of the writers. Miracles are intended by God to be an everyday event. Believe that even you can be used of God to work a miracle!

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INTRODUCTION

by
Patricia King

What a King we serve! Jesus Christ – King of Love, King of Truth, King of Righteousness, King of all Power and Authority. This is the King whose Kingdom we are called to preach. We are commissioned by Christ Himself to go into all the world to preach the good news of His Kingdom to every creature. As we fulfill that holy calling, we can expect miracles, signs, and wonders to follow. Jesus Himself will partner with us as we go, confirming the Word preached with His divine and holy power. This is His promise! (See Mark 16:15-21). He also promises us that we will do even greater things than He did (John 14:12).

It should be the expectation of every believer to live in the realm of the miraculous. Benevolent works are wonderful and we need even more than we presently witness; but Christians alone do not perform such works of kindness. Even the unsaved can initiate merciful acts. The Apostle Paul said, “My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power” (1 Corinthians 2:4 NIV). This is the model that Christ left us to follow. Paul understood that and so also should we.

Imagine what the gospels would look like with the testimonies of Christ's miracles removed! People might read the gospels and think, "Oh, Jesus was a nice man and a good teacher." But He is so much more than nice and good. He was and is declared to be the Son of God with power.

It is very clear in Scripture that Christ's expectation is for us to follow in His footsteps. He taught His disciples how to work miracles and then commissioned them to go and preach the gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out devils and cleanse lepers (Matthew 10:8). They came back with glorious testimonies and Jesus greatly rejoiced! (Luke 10:1-17) When we follow in these footsteps, we are establishing His Kingdom on earth wherever we go.

What does this Kingdom look like? Undoubtedly it is filled with glory! And power! And love! But it is also a Kingdom that is founded on righteousness and justice: "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Lovingkindness and truth go before You" (Psalm 89:14). The Lord loves justice and His Kingdom brings justice everywhere it goes.

William and Catherine Booth, founders of The Salvation Army and constant seekers of the "Greater Things" Christ spoke of, were powerful instruments in bringing this Kingdom of Justice to 19th century England. They provided food and shelter for the homeless, preached salvation to criminals and prostitutes, and were tireless advocates for the rights of factory laborers, working women and homeless children. Boldly, they set out to expose and bring justice to young girls forced into the white slave trade in England and throughout Europe.

Today it is our turn to take the power of the Holy Spirit into the world, bringing justice, righteousness, release and wholeness, manifesting the love of God.

The XP team, which I am honored to lead, is answering this call. We have recently founded XP **Operation Justice**, which is all about bringing justice into one of the most grievous systems of the earth - the sex trade.

One of our major focuses is the prevention, rescue and restoration of sex-trafficking victims, particularly children, in Southeast Asia. We recently opened the Extreme Love Shelter in Pattaya, Thailand, where our aim is to rescue and initiate the healing process for Cambodian children trafficked into Southeast Asia.

Now we are establishing XP Operation Justice in Cambodia. We will serve to build His Kingdom of justice in Poipet and beyond through intercession, evangelism, mercy ministries, raising funds and justice missions. Poipet is a town on the Cambodian - Thai border which is a gateway for trafficking children into Thailand. Our aim is to abolish the sex trade in this town and throughout the world—one child at a time ... one village at a time. We are making a stand and declaring “No More!” You can find out more about this mission at our website, xpmissions.com.

We are greatly touched that the authors of ***Greater Things***, James Thompson and Stephen Court, are donating all profits and royalties from this book to XP Operation Justice in Cambodia. In purchasing this book, you are sowing seed into the rescue and restoration of children trapped in the worldwide sex trade.

Love. Righteousness. Justice. And the power of Holy Spirit. This is the Lord's Kingdom. It is the Kingdom His children belong to and are called to advance wherever they go. And the time to do it is *Now*.

The earth groans under the weight of sin, waiting for us to truly realize who we are as God's children. With the authority of Christ in us, we can bring healing, release from bondage, and the joy of knowing Jesus to a world desperately seeking truth. When they see our words backed up with love and the power of the Holy Spirit, there will be a radical shift in the world around us!

I have seen the miracles of the Kingdom—miracles of healing, deliverance, provision, and resurrection. Jesus Christ truly is the same yesterday, today and forever—and He lives in you! Christ in *you* is the hope of glory. Christ in *you* is waiting to be released.

You are called. You are chosen. You are His light in the darkness of this world. Go and be. Go and do. The gospel continues to prevail!

“As the Father sent me so also I send you” (John 20:21).

Patricia King
Founder of XPmedia

PROLOGUE

A Guide to Greater Things *Forty-One Days of Miracles*

Christians inevitably stumble onto stories of God’s miracle working power through biblical accounts of the early church and by modern-day reports. These testimonials embolden our faith that God exists, He cares, and that He has the power to intervene in people’s lives. These stories create wonder at God’s delegated authority to His faithful servants to produce miracles, and they encourage the hesitant to throw caution to the wind in obedience to Him. God is stirring up this potent mixture of faith, wonder, and obedience in various places and in manifold ways.

One of God’s gifts to His people is the “Fist of the Body of Christ,” The Salvation Army. This book reveals some of the treasures from The Salvation Army’s history and experience in the miraculous. These accounts will help to arm everyone in faith and confidence as we follow Jesus into a supernatural lifestyle.

Everyone is stirred by stories of miracles, and in *Greater Things* you will find dozens of them to inspire you. As you read the devotional each day for 41 days—which is long enough to establish a habit—you will first go BACK WORD to a Salvationist miracle story. Some are from the Army’s official periodicals like *The Officer* or *Power For Witness* or published

books of The Salvation Army. Others come from faithful Salvationists who fight today for the souls of mankind on fronts all over the world (more than half a dozen countries are represented). These stories are merely a small sampling of what God has done and continues to do through The Salvation Army. God wants to do these same things through every believer. Hallelujah!

Each of the 41 daily devotionals is comprised of a BACK WORD, an IN WORD, a BOOTH WORD, and an ON WORD. We begin with an account of God's miracle working power (a BACK WORD), we then turn IN WORD to a Bible story and teaching that supports the account and helps to apply the lessons of the Bible passage.

Then we look UP WORD as we utter a faith-filled prayer to our great God and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. (We encourage you to pray each prayer aloud with great anticipation.)

Next we go to a BOOTH WORD; more than a century ago General William Booth, founder of The Salvation Army, wrote a Memorandum titled *Faith Healing*. It outlines The Salvation Army's position on much of the supernatural. Each day you will read a quote from that book which will instruct and inspire.

Finally, we look ON WORD with a challenge for the day that puts what you have learned into practice. These exercises and experiments can help position you to rely on God to do the miraculous in your midst for His glory and the extension of His kingdom.

Going through the BACK WORD—IN WORD—UP WORD—BOOTHWORD and ON WORD every day for 41 days can help you learn to walk as Jesus did, in the supernatural. What might happen to you during these 41 days, only God knows. However, we promise it will be an exciting, supernatural experience.

We encourage you to undertake this “experience” with friends in a small group, if possible, or with an entire congregation. Involving a group will provide accountability (we have study and preaching resources to help). If doing “41 days to the miraculous” with a group is impossible, do not be concerned. You can complete it by yourself and be equally blessed, but you will have to be accountable to yourself and to God, of course.

As Believers, we live to win souls and make their salvation the first purpose of our lives. SALVATION is the greatest miracle that we will experience or witness; nothing compares to it. We are committed evangelists who want to win the world for Jesus. Yet, we also note General Booth’s comments and remember the Apostle Paul’s charge to eagerly desire spiritual gifts, and to see the fullness of the “greater things” Jesus promised to each of us. We want to add these powerful weapons to our arsenal and wield them for the glory of God and the salvation of the world. Does that make sense to you? Then you are ready to discover how to live in *Greater Things*.

“Greater things! Greater things!
Give us faith, O Lord, we pray,
Faith for greater things!”

~Albert Osborn~
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Day



BACK WORD

Raising the Dead

Major ST Dula, India

In 1993 our Corps revival team and I were invited to Gilgal Corps in the Central Division. We were there for five days campaigning in Bungkawn at Aizawl, our State Capital. The prayer warriors and Home League fasted for a whole week without food; I could feel the anointing of the Holy Spirit very powerfully and as we put our faith into action, amazing things happened!

Unexpectedly, on Thursday a camper who was a drug addict died. I heard of this while I was preparing my fourth sermon. I ran to where the young lad was lying and felt his body—it was stone cold! The women were crying and trying to wake him up, but there was no response.

We simply laid our hands in three places on his body and prayed to the Lord to bring back his spirit. The Lord answered our prayer—the young man woke up! We began shouting praises to the Lord, our eyes filled with tears, of wonder and gratitude. The revived man then asked me, “Brother, I would like to go home; however, I promise you I will come back.”

Although we did not understand why he was in a hurry to leave, I agreed and with the consent of the other local Officers, he departed. That afternoon he returned with bags filled with various kinds of illicit drugs. Handing them over to me, he said, “God raised me from the dead, I am in no need of the devil’s instruments!”

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today!

IN WORD

2 Kings 4:32-37

Elisha arrived at the house to find the boy dead on his bed. So, he entered the room, locked the door behind them, and prayed to Yahweh. He climbed onto the bed and blanketed the child with his body, eyes over eyes, mouth over mouth, hands over hands. Stretched out like that, the boy’s body began to warm up. Elisha left the bed to pace the floor before stretching once more over the body.

This time the boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes! Elisha called Gehazi to have the Shunammite woman come into the room. Upon her entrance Elisha said, “give your son a hug.” She collapsed at his feet, embraced her son, and carried him out. (Paraphrased version)

When you read the remainder of 2 Kings 4, you sense the compassion that Elisha had for the woman and her son. Love is the best place to start when fighting the Salvation War, the campaign to win the souls of men. After all, Salvationists (people in The Salvation Army) “love to fight, and fight with love.” This is a great strategy because it assures us of victory

every time: love of Jesus in us does not fail—it is fail proof! Every believer will benefit from experiencing what Samuel Logan Brengle described as a “baptism of love” that comes directly from the throne of God. Jesus reminds us in Luke 12:32 that our Father delights in giving us the Kingdom and it is a Kingdom of love. Let Him “delight” in you as you sincerely ask Him for a baptism of love.

Elisha exercised faith. Faith is defined in the Salvationist dictionary as both “OBEDIENCE and RISK.”

You may have noted that Elisha was determined in his actions (see 2 Kings 4:27-37 for details). He made no public display and did nothing in his own strength; instead, he locked the door and prayed—an example of love, faith, and prayer in action. Elisha sets an example the Indian Salvationist in our BACK WORD story followed and which we, too, can emulate.

BOOTH WORD

“When men cast themselves upon His promises, and comply with the conditions connected with them, He responds to their faith today, as in the years gone by, by pardoning their sins, by purifying their hearts, by comforting them in their sorrows, by delivering them out of their various distresses which fall to their lot; and, when He sees it will be for their good and for His glory, we believe that He answers prayers of faith by healing them when they are sick.”
~William Booth~

UP WORD

Lord, as I embark on this 41-day adventure, I acknowledge You as the Lord of my life. You are the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the God of gods, and You are my King, my Lord, and my God. I submit to You; I worship You. You know my heart as I begin this experience. Please guide me, instruct me, protect me, purify me, and empower me to accomplish the works You have designated that I should do for Your greater glory. Amen!

ON WORD

Remembering Bible Miracles

Write down all the miracle stories you can think of from the Bible. (Start in Genesis and go through the entire Bible.)

- How many stories could you remember?
- Why did God perform these miracles?
- What picture of God do we get from these stories? Do you truly believe God is the same today as yesterday?

Day



BACK WORD

Feeding the 800

Captain Michael Ramsay, Canadian in USA

In early September 2008, Hurricane Ike bore down on the East Coast of the US. It was the third costliest hurricane in American history; it was blamed for at least 195 deaths. Of these, 74 were in Haiti, which was already trying to recover from the impact of three violent storms earlier that year. In the United States, 112 people were killed and 34 were missing.

Captain Ramsay was one of 12 people appointed to help with hurricane relief. When he arrived in Texas on Sept. 26, almost two weeks after Hurricane Ike struck, the place was in disarray. There was no electricity or water, people were searching for missing friends and family members, and throwing out water-damaged possessions. In the midst of this chaos The Salvation Army was feeding everyone they could.

After feeding an estimated 800 people from their mobile canteen, they noticed that their food containers were intended to feed only 91! Ramsay said that during this time, “Lots of

people recognized miracles in their lives. People were counting their blessings.” There are always miracles in the midst of suffering.

IN WORD

Matthew 14:13-21

Soon a lot of people from the nearby villages walked around the lake to where he was. When he saw them coming, he was overcome with pity and healed their sick.

Toward evening the disciples approached him. “We’re out in the country and it’s getting late. Dismiss the people so they can go to the villages and get some supper. But Jesus said, “There is no need to dismiss them. You give them supper.” “All we have are five loaves of bread and two fish,” they said. Jesus said, “Bring them here.”

Then he had the people sit on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples. The disciples then gave the food to the congregation. They all ate their fill. They gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. About five thousand were fed. (MSG)

Can you imagine what it was like to be one of the disciples? In the preceding account, it was getting late and they knew the people were hungry so they wanted to send them away to find their own food. They gave Jesus their suggestion but to their amazement, He told them to feed the crowd. Had anyone but Jesus said this, the disciples would have thought it was a joke! Feed five thousand people? They told Jesus, “We don’t have that much food! All we have is five loaves of bread and two fish. What can we possibly do with so little?”

Jesus then asks for the bread and fish and showed them how to turn little into more than enough. He gave thanks to God for what He did have, and then gave it all away. Out of nowhere, the food multiplied. When they packed up the leftovers, there were twelve baskets full!

You may feel like you do not have enough to make a difference—not enough money, food, or even faith. The disciples thought they did not have enough either, but Jesus showed them that it is not how much you have that matters but how much you give. The disciples gave everything and once it was given, God stepped in and performed a great miracle! Here's the really cool part: once they had given everything away, they discovered there was more left over than what they had given!

We cannot out-give God. There is always enough. He always has more to give us than we could give to Him. However, if we want to access all that He has, we need to give Him all we have! Today, step out in faith and give God everything. Then watch as He takes what you have and turns it into a miracle that leaves you with more than you gave!

BOOTH WORD

“And here, let me remark in passing, that I strongly desire that these instances of divine interposition should greatly increase and multiply amongst us.”
~William Booth~

UP WORD

Lord Jesus, thank You that You are the God of provision and that no matter how much I give, I cannot out-give You! Take my whole life and all I have and use it to fill the emptiness in other people.

ON WORD

Be Like Christ

We often speak about being like Jesus in our hearts; today, however, we want to focus on being like Jesus in our actions.

- Pick one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) and scan through it looking for the kinds of things Jesus did when He walked the earth.
- Spend time in prayer today asking God to use you to do the same things Jesus did both naturally and supernaturally to meet all kinds of needs.

Day



3

BACK WORD

A Boy is Healed; a Commitment Fulfilled

Alan Steven, Australia

One day we were going door-to-door when we knocked on the door of a man and a woman who invited us to sit down with them. We prayed and led them to the Lord. They started coming to the Army meetings and began developing as followers of Jesus Christ.

Before long, they heard the call of God to go overseas to do missionary work in Africa. They made all the necessary arrangements and were ready to leave when their son became seriously ill with pneumonia. They took him to the hospital and the x-ray confirmed that phlegm covered his lungs. This meant that they were unable to begin their mission's trip at the appointed time.

The mother and father, however, searched the Word of God and found in James 5 where it says the elders will anoint the sick with oil and they will get better. Excited and filled with faith, they knocked on my door and recited the verse to

me. They said that I was their “elder” and asked me to come and pray for their son to be healed.

We prayed for him that Sunday, however, nothing seemed to happen. Following our prayer, the hospital took another x-ray but the results would not be available until Thursday. During this time, the parents kept their faith high and clung to God’s promise in His Word for healing. When the x-ray came back it showed that there was no phlegm on the lungs! The boy had been healed and they were cleared to go to Africa for their missionary service!

IN WORD

Luke 7:22

Jesus replied to the messengers, “Go back and tell John what you have been spectating. Blind people see. Lame people walk. Deaf people hear. Dead people are walking around. And the poor hear the good news.” (Greater Things version)

There appear to be “strings of miracles” in the BACK WORD and the IN WORD, one in Jesus’ day, and the other in our own. While we do not have the space in this devotional to show that there are not two strings of miracles but one, we want to suggest that there is only one string that continues from the time of Jesus through to the present. And yet, that does not quite capture what is happening either. Perhaps a better analogy is a mop with many “strings” coming out of one bunch.

You see, there are miracles happening everywhere, all the time. We have collected 41 or so from several countries,

but they are only from people who are Salvationists (those in The Salvation Army). You can easily multiply our 41 miracles across the territories in which people of The Salvation Army fight around the world. Since there are more than 1½ million Salvationists (Junior Soldiers and Senior Soldiers), we can safely say that our 41 examples are merely a few instances of how God is working through His people. Also, it should not be forgotten that The Salvation Army is merely a small part of the entire Church of God. God is working miracles through His children in various churches, denominations, tribes, and countries throughout the world. Miracles are happening all over the place. Hallelujah!

In the previous scripture, Jesus had some visitors check out what He was doing and He did not have to “work up” the results. When they were leaving, He merely invited them to recall what they had witnessed: people being healed, raised from the dead, given sight, and receiving all types of miracles. Miracles seem to be a normal evidence of the Kingdom of God.

Note, however, that evidence of the Kingdom was not just miracles, but the poor heard the Good News. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is normally accompanied by miracles; that is the norm. To the extent that the Gospel we preach is not currently accompanied by miracles, we are in some ways less than “normal” and missing something important.

Remember, it is not miracles for miracles’ sake. We want to see God glorified and Jesus lifted up, because we know that when He is lifted up, all kinds of people are drawn to Him.

BOOTH WORD

“I do not believe that there can be a Corps of The Salvation Army, at home or abroad, in which some such signs and wonders have not been wrought.”

~William Booth~

UP WORD

Yahweh, Lord, I want to be a string in that great “miracle mop” that begins with Jesus and is tied together with Salvationists and other Christians around the world and throughout history. As I point others to You, help us to do so with signs, wonders, and miracles. Amen.

ON WORD

Prayer for Healing

- Think of someone you know who is sick at this moment. In your mind's eye, picture Jesus visiting their home and healing them.
- Next, pray for them and ask Jesus to be their healer. Use the picture you created of Him healing them to build your faith. Believe that as He made them well in your imagination, He will heal them now.
- Once you have prayed, contact them to find out if they are improved and have been healed.

Day



BACK WORD

Treasure Hunt

Craig Merrett, Australia

What happens when four Salvation Army soldiers sit in a car, hand the steering wheel over to the Holy Spirit, and ask Him, “What would You like to do tonight?”

One night we decided to allow God to direct our movements. The Lord led us all over the city; as He spoke the name of a street or place, we would go there in obedience.

Every time we arrived at our destination, there was a need for us to be there. We offered prayer to a number of people but God also showed us various items to pick up along the way. The Lord told us to go to a certain place and look around; as we drove there, Kym had a vision of two loaves of bread. Once we arrived, we looked around and sure enough we found two loaves of freshly baked bread.

We continued on to our next God-given destination, the Lord led Colin to pull in front of a psychic “healing shop.” A Salvation Army thrift store was located next door and Kym

noticed that items had been left in front of the store. Looking through them, the Lord led him to a pair of men's shoes (in very good condition).

We continued on our way, knowing that we were gathering a gift for a homeless person. However, we didn't know what the Lord wanted us to get from our next destination, a roadside. Paul and Kym got out of the car and saw a suitcase in good condition, with wheels, etc. It was the perfect size to hold everything we had gathered and was ideal for a homeless person.

During our treasure hunt, we picked up fresh loaves of bread, coins, a pair of shoes, a new bottle of water, the suitcase, a jacket, and a Bible! In all, the Lord gave us 7 items—which is a significant number.

He then showed us exactly where to place the suitcase with all of the items. We prayed over it and knew without a doubt that the Lord would lead the right person to find it!

IN WORD

Luke 4:16-21

He came to Nazareth where he had been reared. As he always did on the Sabbath, he went to the meeting place. When he stood up to read, he was handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written, God's Spirit is on me; he's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor, Sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, To set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!"

He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the place was on him, intent. Then he started in, "You've just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place." (MSG)

This passage of Scripture is sometimes referred to as Jesus' manifesto. It came at the beginning of His ministry and is recorded in the Gospel of Luke. It shows how Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecies about the coming Messiah. Isaiah 61 was a text the people knew well. Jesus was not only declaring Himself as Messiah but describing His intentions for His ministry on Planet Earth.

Throughout the Bible, we find that God favors the poor. He loves those who are destitute and marginalized, and He desires for people to treat them with dignity and justice. He wants the world to love them, care for them, and to provide them opportunities to get their lives back on track. It is certainly no coincidence that Jesus used this scripture to explain His mission.

In Jesus' time those who were poor, blind, a prisoner, or oppressed were usually on the fringe of society. This is also true today.

As Jesus read the Scriptures, He omitted a line from the text. He left out the part that speaks of God judgment of the world; instead, He referred to the year of God's favor! Jesus came to bring hope, freedom, vision, and salvation! He came bringing the favor of God. Imagine how this favor would have excited the poor, blind, and oppressed.

Remember, God loves those who are down-and-out. To be like Jesus, we, too, must have passion for the poor and needy and bring to them the favor of God.

BOOTH WORD

“We believe that we ought to take all our sickness to God and pray in faith for their removal, but always with perfect submission to His will.” ~William Booth~

UP WORD

Thank You Father, for sending Your Son to earth to set the captives free, Please anoint me to preach the Good News to the poor and to set those trapped in sin, poverty, and sickness free! This is Your day to act through me.

ON WORD

Hear and Do

God loves performing miracles! He also loves using people to do them! Sadly, we often forget to ask God what He wants to do.

- Ask Him to take you on a treasure hunt. Write down the details you discern (names, places, hurts, colors, clothing, etc.) and then track down the treasure. Often God will lead you to someone fitting the description He has given you, or in the condition you have discerned, in order for you to pray with them and share Jesus.

Day



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BACK WORD

Hospital Emptied

Major Dula, India

We were having a revival camp at Mamit Corps in the central Division in 1993. We spent time fasting and praying to break the stronghold of Satan. One Sunday afternoon, while we were having a Healing Crusade, we decided to collect all the names of the patients in the Civil Hospital three kilometers away and pray for them at 2:30 pm. We bound the spirit of the devil in the name of Jesus Christ.

I walked to the hospital to see how the patients were doing. However, when I got there, I found that all the patients there had been miraculously healed at the same time we had prayed! All of them left the hospital at 3:00 pm! Praise the Lord!

*Stretch out Your hand to heal - let signs
and wonders be done in the name of
Your holy Child, Jesus
(Acts 4:30).*

IN WORD

A Biblical Healing Prayer You Can Use:

We have deposited our hope in You, Yahweh. And we have invested our praise in You, God, for You are our health and You are our God (Psalm 42:10-11). And we want Your saving health to grow famous through the nations (Psalm 67:2). Forgive our sins and heal all our diseases (Psalm 103:3)! You fire Your word out and it heals people (Psalm 107:20). You even heal broken hearts and dress spiritual wounds (Psalm 147:3).

You were wounded to compensate for our sinning; You were beaten because of our evil. The price of our peace was Your punishment; and Your suffering provides for our healing (Isaiah 53:5). You are Yahweh, who heals us. You said, if we diligently obey Your voice, Yahweh, our God, doing what is right in Your sight, listening to Your commandments, keeping all of Your statutes, You will spare us from the diseases that You brought upon the Egyptians; for You are the Healing God—Yahweh (Exodus 15:25-27).

In the past You have restored complete health, healing wounds, Yahweh, even of those of the outcast and marginalized (Jeremiah 30:17). Jesus, You went throughout Galilee healing all kinds of illness and all kinds of diseases (Matthew 4:23). Your fame spread through all of Syria such that people from all over brought their sick and tormented and demonized friends and You healed them (Matthew 4:24). You have affirmed that You come to heal (Matthew 8:7). More than once You healed everyone who was sick (Matthew 8:16; 9:35; 12:15; 14:14; 15:30; 19:2; etc.). And You gave Your disciples the same power (authority)—healing

the sick and freeing demonized people (Matthew 10:1). Then You commanded them to heal the sick, kick out demons and raise dead people back to life (Matthew 10:7-9, Acts 3:6-11; 4:14; 5:15-16; 8:7; 19:11-12; etc.).

We will return to You, Yahweh (Hosea 6:1-2). And You have promised in the past to heal backsliding (Hosea 14:4). We'll have as much faith as the centurion. We're not worthy for You to go out of Your way for us. But just say the word and Your healing will follow (Matthew 8:8).

Yahweh, fill up our weakness with mercy, please. Heal us, Yahweh—our bones are vexed (Psalm 6:2). So, heal us and we're healed. Save us and we're saved (Jeremiah 17:14). We follow Moses' example and cry to You, Yahweh! Heal, now, we beg You (Numbers 12:13)! Sun of Righteousness, rise with healing in Your wings (Malachi 4:2)! Anoint Your servants with the Holy Ghost and with power so that we can heal all who are demon-oppressed (Acts 10:38). Stretch out Your hand to heal - let signs and wonders be done in the name of Your holy Child, Jesus (Acts 4:30).

We have faith for healing (Acts 14:9). Pour out the Gift of Healing, please (1 Corinthians 12:9). We will confess our faults to each other. We'll pray for each other so that we can be healed. We recognize that fervent praying by righteous pray-ers produces results (James 5:16). We call on the elders to pray and anoint for healing (James 5:14). Yahweh, we cried to You and You have healed (Psalm 30:2). We want our physical health to mirror our spiritual health (3 John 1:2). And we give You all the Glory. (Greater Things version)

BOOTH WORD

“It must not be taught amongst us that it is contrary to the will of God that Means (medicine, etc.) should be used for the recovery of the sick.”

~William Booth~

UP WORD

Father, I want to believe that a person like me can pray and empty whole hospitals of sick people. Help me to believe. Help me to use faith-filled healing prayer. Keep Your hand on me in such power that multitudes will turn to You for salvation, healing, restoration, deliverance, and blessing. Amen.

ON WORD

Love

If you were asked to describe God with one word, what would it be? Many people would identify God as “love.” Loving compassion is what motivates God to perform miracles.

- If you want to have a miracle ministry, love is essential.
- Ask God to fill your heart with love and a compassion for the needy.
- Ask Him to show you one person you can help in some-way today.

Day



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BACK WORD

A Song of Deliverance

Danielle Strickland, Canada

One particular night I was able to strike up a solid conversation with a disorderly and volatile member of the drug community whose street name was Flower. She asked to continue the conversation while she “fixed.” So I sat down with her behind a dumpster while she tried to find a working vein to inject the drug. It took some time and after an excruciating display of desperation, a friend was able to find a vein that would work.

We continued the conversation about God and love and His plan for her life—but after her drug fix, she became increasingly full of demonic bile. Out of her mouth flowed garbage that undermined her worth: she declared that she belonged to the devil and was unredeemable. We continued the conversation well into the evening in my living room down the street. She became very agitated and spoke dark, disgusting things and would not listen to reason or truth.

In a moment of frustration and desperation, as her temper escalated, I reached for my guitar and began to play and sing.

What flowed out of my mouth was the song *Bloom*, which contains a declaration that flowers were meant to bloom. It was full of prophetic words of life and truth and good news. As I sang, she lay down on the floor of my living room and went to sleep—something she hadn't been able to do for weeks. Sleep is often a problem for downtown, eastside residents who use drugs.

She fell into a deep sleep that lasted for several days. She continued to sleep on our living room floor as we lived our normal lives. We continued to pray over her and sing over her whenever we could. When she woke up she was hungry, both physically and spiritually. She had turned an incredible corner—she now wanted to know about God and she received Jesus into her life and began to follow Him, embarking on a long journey with our community. She has now been clean for three years and is a part-time student at The War College in Vancouver. Flower now lives independently, professing and telling others about what Jesus has done for her. Flower is blooming. Praise the Lord!

IN WORD

Luke 8:26–39

They sailed on to the country of the Gerasenes, directly opposite Galilee. As he stepped out onto land, a madman from town met him; he was a victim of demons. He hadn't worn clothes for a long time, nor lived at home; he lived in the cemetery. When he saw Jesus he screamed, fell before him, and bellowed, "What business do

you have messing with me? You're Jesus, Son of the High God, but don't give me a hard time!" (The man said this because Jesus had started to order the unclean spirit out of him.) Time after time the demon threw the man into convulsions. He had been placed under constant guard and tied with chains and shackles, but crazed and driven wild by the demon, he would shatter the bonds.

Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Mob. My name is Mob," he said, because many demons afflicted him. And they begged Jesus desperately not to order them to the bottomless pit.

A large herd of pigs was browsing and rooting on a nearby hill. The demons begged Jesus to order them into the pigs. He gave the order. It was even worse for the pigs than for the man. Crazed, they stampeded over a cliff into the lake and drowned.

Those tending the pigs, scared to death, bolted and told their story in town and country. People went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had been sent, sitting there at Jesus' feet, wearing decent clothes and making sense. It was a holy moment, and for a short time they were more reverent than curious. Then those who had seen it happen told how the demoniac had been saved.

Later, a great many people from the Gerasene countryside got together and asked Jesus to leave—too much change, too fast, and they were scared. So Jesus got back in the boat and set off. The man whom he had delivered from the demons asked to go with him, but he sent him back, saying, "Go home and tell everything God did in you." So he went back and preached all over town everything Jesus had done in him. (MSG)

BOOTH WORD

“Some of these occurrences have been so striking, and so unmistakably of the Divine operation, that entire communities have wondered at them.”

~William Booth~

UP WORD

Jesus, You are my Savior! Help me to be a preaching machine today, a person empowered by the Holy Spirit and full of faith because of what You have done in my life. I want others to know You like I know You. Put within my heart a song of deliverance for those bound by Satan. Amen.

ON WORD

Social Networking

- If you have access to a computer, go to your social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter, etc. and send a message to everyone you can.
- Share a miracle story with them and ask if they have any prayer requests!
- Asking God for the words, then sing a prayer for their deliverance from sin, sickness, or need.

Day



BACK WORD

Polio Crippled Legs Healed

Alan Steven, Australia

We often held healing meetings at our Corps where the Body of Christ could minister to each other. One day I heard the Lord direct me to pray for a certain Soldier in our Corps. She had Polio as a child and always wore braces on her legs to keep them straight. She walked awkwardly and had very small feet.

When the healing meeting began, I addressed the congregation and told them what the Lord had said to me. The lady who suffered from polio sat down on a chair and took off her shoes. When I held her feet, I found them to be unlike any I had seen. I was shocked because they were rigid, tense and had no flexibility. My mind was wondering what would happen next.

However, I kept in faith and prayed a simple prayer. “Come Holy Spirit, minister to these feet.” Suddenly, I felt her feet become supple, under the skin her feet were moving and it was eerie.

Then she jumped up and started running and leaping and praising God! She ran around the hall, then around the parking lot with her arms in the air praising God for her healing! Later, we found that her shoes no longer fit! Her feet had grown two shoe sizes!

I can honestly say that all I did was obey God and as I waited in faith—God did a miracle!

IN WORD

Mark 8:22–25

Jesus and his followers came to Bethsaida. There some people brought a blind man to Jesus and begged him to touch the man. So Jesus took the blind man's hand and led him out of the village. Then he spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on the man and asked, "Can you see now?" The man looked up and said, "Yes, I see people, but they look like trees walking around." Again Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then the man opened his eyes wide and they were healed, and he was able to see everything clearly. (NCV)

Do you see the similarities between these two miracles? Both healings took place on the spot but not immediately. They required a short process. That should be an encouragement to us. Jesus pressed into the situation. He acted, assessed, then acted again, and the man was healed.

In our BACK WORD story, God directed His child to pray for a person. It was a simple prayer without dramatics, but faith-filled. How do we know? Put yourself in the “pray-er’s” shoes. If God told you to step out in a public meeting to heal a

sick person and they had a noticeable, seemingly permanent disability, the pressure would be on!

The shoes were taken off but nothing has happened. Awkward, but you grab a hold of the unnaturally small, rigid feet and you pray again ... and movement begins to return. Hallelujah!

Consider Jesus' actions—He spit in someone's eyes! (How offensive is that?) If God told you to do that in a meeting or elsewhere would you be obedient and risk the embarrassment and verbal abuse should you fail? Surely Jesus took the same risks and it apparently did not work! But, He did not give up, spiritualize a healing, sulk away into anonymity, and end His healing ministry. He pressed in, laid hands on the eyes and prayed some more.

What a challenge to us! We need to listen to God and be obedient, whether it is taking hold of a polio victim's feet or spitting in someone's eyes. In John 5:19, Jesus said that He can do nothing by Himself but could only do what He saw the Father doing. And, He continued to say that whatever the Father does, the Son does. From that testimony, we get the prayer, "Help us to see what You are doing and do what we're seeing." We need to have both the eyes to see God's direction and the guts to obey.

BOOTH WORD

"If you are led to trust God for healing, it may often help you to declare your faith, and when God heals you, or anyone through your instrumentality or through the

agency of anyone else, publish it abroad, and then be careful to give Him all the glory. But hold your hand, and your tongue, and your pen as to the cure having being effected until you have sufficient evidence to the fact to which you testify.” ~William Booth~

UP WORD

God, help us to see what You’re doing and do what we’re seeing. Shatter any fear of man that is operating in us. Help us to be able to say with Paul that we have been crucified with Christ and that we no longer live, but Christ lives in us – the life we live in the body, we live by faith in the Son of God Who loved us and gave Himself for us. Amen.

ON WORD

Join a Local Prayer Group

- Many Corps and churches have prayer groups that meet to pray for people’s needs. See if you can join this group.
- Tell your leader you want to step out in faith and believe for miracles.
- If a prayer group is not available, gather a few people together and start your own group.

Day



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BACK WORD

Total Transformation

James Thompson, Australia

While I was a youth worker, I came to know a girl called Amanda at the Breakfast Club. She had obviously had a tough life for such a young person. She had problems at home, her parents had split up and her mother had a new partner who was abusive towards her and her sister. However, she was a very sweet girl and often showed concern for her sister who was also going through a very rough time.

We lost contact with Amanda over school holidays and when we finally caught up with her some months later she was a very different person. She was now involved in drinking, smoking, and was seeing much older boys. Her appearance and attitude had changed dramatically. She displayed anger, aggression, and complained about depression.

One day, we led her to the Lord Jesus Christ and she accepted Him as her Savior. As we were all praying, we felt prompted by the Holy Spirit to cast out the unclean spirits of

depression, anger, unforgiveness, suicide and addiction. She renounced these things in Jesus' name and we commanded them to leave. Then she fell to the floor but when she stood up, she was full of the joy of the Lord.

The next day, Amanda walked into the Breakfast Club but we barely recognized her from the person we had seen the day before. Her facial expression had changed. She was a different person! Praise God!

IN WORD

Matthew 6:7-13

When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. (NLT)

Jesus taught us how to pray and we should act upon it. The Lord's Prayer is a model that teaches us very important things that we can use when praying for miracles. Looking specifically at verse ten, Jesus said, "May Your Kingdom come soon. May Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven."

The word Kingdom means "the King's domain, the place where the King reigns." Therefore, Jesus is telling us to pray that God's reign will return to earth. Explaining about His

coming Kingdom, Jesus taught us to pray that His “will would be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

Have you ever thought about what heaven looks like? The Bible describes it as paradise, a place where there is no weeping or gnashing of teeth and no pain. It is a perfect place! Consider this: are there hospitals in heaven! Obviously, they are unnecessary because there is no sickness. Are there Drug Rehabilitation Centers in heaven? No, because everyone is free. Think about what heaven is like.

... there is joy, peace and gladness in heaven and we should take every opportunity to bring them to our world.

Once you have a picture of heaven, imagine what earth will be like when God’s Kingdom comes to our planet. When we feed the poor, clothe the naked, and preach the gospel we are bringing God’s Kingdom to earth. The same principle applies to other things; anything not found in heaven, we have no need of here. That includes sickness, depression, addiction, hopelessness, and poverty! On the other hand, there is joy, peace and gladness in heaven and we should take every opportunity to bring them to our world.

Jesus commanded us to pray that His Kingdom would come to earth so it would become like heaven. When you pray for miracles remember what heaven is like and pray for God to send His Kingdom to that situation!

BOOTH WORD

“We believe that where He has promised, in His word, to bestow the blessing we desire, we must believe without further evidence what that word affords us.” ~William Booth~

UP WORD

Our Father in heaven, may Your name be kept holy and Your Kingdom come soon. May Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. Amen.

ON WORD

Spiritual High Places

- If you can, go to the influential places in your city like government council offices, markets, places of worship, police stations, etc. (If you cannot go to them in person, Google them.)
- Then pray that the Kingdom of God will come to your city and its centers of power.
- Affirm that God is the true King and Ruler of your city.

Day



BACK WORD

Deliverance From Demons

Major Ntoya, Republic of Congo

I conducted some prayer sessions in Brazzaville, the capital of the Republic of Congo. Jane, an officer's daughter, came to see me for deliverance. After counseling her, I invited the Corps officers to join me in prayer. During prayer in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, she collapsed on the floor and started making strange movements with her body, sometimes she wiggled like a mermaid and other times like a python. After 30 minutes of prayer, she was completely delivered and is now enjoying perfect health.

IN WORD

Exodus 7-11

In Exodus, we find many different signs and wonders performed, not just by Moses but also by the Egyptian magicians! The magicians could turn a stick into a snake and even turn water into blood! Throughout the New Testament we are

warned about false signs and wonders; for example, “False Christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect” (Matthew 24:24).

Signs and wonders are not always done by Believers, there is another group who Jesus called false Christs and false prophets. They are called this because they offer a different gospel that leads people away from Jesus. We must be aware that the devil wants to lead us astray and will even use great signs and wonders.

Should this deter us? Of course not! God gives us signs and wonders for a purpose. A sign always points to something. Whether a traffic sign tells us how far we need to travel, how fast to drive, or what we can and cannot do, signs always point to something. We must learn to read the signs that we see so we are not led astray. We must follow God’s signs and not the devil’s. God’s signs lead us to God’s plan for us. The devil’s signs lead us to the plan the devil has for us.

How can we tell the difference between God’s signs and the devil’s? It is quite simple: does it glorify God and point us toward Jesus? Does it make us want to worship and obey God more? If it does, then the sign is from God. If it does not then perhaps the devil is trying to distract us from where God is pointing.

God gives us signs and wonders for a purpose. A sign always points to something.

We must be aware that in the world, as in ancient Egypt, there are good and evil forces, like the magicians versus Moses. In the end, the magicians were amazed at God's signs and exclaimed, "This is the finger of God!"

God signs are much more powerful than anything the devil can throw at us. So keep reading the signs that God sends your way!

Does it glorify God and point us toward Jesus? Does it make us want to worship and obey God more? If it does, then the sign is from God.

BOOTH WORD

"We believe that sickness, suffering, affliction, or death seems to be in order of God's providence for us, or for those we love, and when, having besought the Lord in submission and faith that these visitations may pass away, and He is not pleased to remove them or spare us from them, we ought to be resigned to His will, prove that His grace is sufficient for us, and thus, whether we live or die, glorify God in our bodies, which are His." ~William Booth~

UP WORD

Yahweh, help me to wear Your armor each day. I put on the helmet of salvation, the sword of the Spirit, the shield of faith, the breastplate of righteousness, the belt of truth, and the boots of the Gospel of peace. I don't want to suit up only for my protection; I want to use my armor to defeat the enemy in the lives of every person who crosses my path. Please, help me to be effective for You today. Amen.

ON WORD

Memory Verses

The Word of God fuels our faith. We need to use God's Word to increase our faith in who He is and what He can do and wants to do.

- Today choose Bible verses that remind you of God's miracles and healing and put them in places where you will see them (like next to your bed, in the shower, on a door, etc.).
- Allow the Word of God to transform the way you think about miracles.

Day 10

BACK WORD

Raising the Dead

Commissioner Kay Rader, USA

From the book *If Two Shall Agree*

“**M**ost everybody in Ocilla, Georgia, knew that Edith and Jimmy Fuller’s baby was sick. They had taken her to the hospital and things didn’t look good. Just nine months old, Frances Kay lay like a stone in the white bed, her parents standing by, clenching helpless hands. When the doctor came in to check the baby’s pulse, he had nothing to say. They all could see the blue tinge of her eyelids, her tiny fingernails. They all knew what that meant. But none of them knew what to do about it.

“The door swung open, quick footsteps crossed the floor. A woman in a starched white dress with coppery skin and smooth black plaits of hair wrapped round her head pushed past parents and doctor, creating a place for herself at the bedside, remarkable behavior for one such as her. Mariah La Sane stared at the baby for a moment before she spoke.

“Let’s talk to the One who knows what He’s doing.’ Mariah leaned over the tiny girl and broke into prayer, knowing well what she was doing as she talked to her Savior about rescuing precious Frances Kay, who teetered on the brink of death. The Fullers were not Christian Believers but they bowed their heads as spectators as their hired help addressed the Almighty regarding this baby girl.

“After her final ‘Amen,’ Mariah straightened her back but kept her head bent, eyes fastened on the face on the pillow. As she watched, the child opened her huge hazel eyes and gazed back at Mariah. Her eyelids and fingernails were rosy. The blue was gone. She was healthy, healed!”

Today, you may know Frances Kay as Commissioner Kay Rader.

IN WORD

Luke 7:11-15

Jesus, His disciples, and a large crowd, rolled into the city gates of Nain. They were met by a funeral procession, consisting of the body of a dead man, the only son of his widowed mother, and a similarly large crowd. The Lord, seeing the widow, poured out His compassion toward her, encouraging her, “Don’t weep.” When He touched the open coffin, the pall-bearers stopped. “Young man,” Jesus said, “Arise.” The dead man sat up, speaking. Jesus presented him back to his mother. (Greater Things Version)

We see in Commissioner Kay Rader’s experience a different take on the story of the widow of Nain. Two people who

were full of compassion and faith captured two children from death. They encountered the living God like few others in their generations.

Although Jesus was truly God, He exercised authority on earth as the Son of Man, not as the Son of God. The miracle reported in Luke 7, resulted from God working through a human being, not God working through God. What does that mean to us, today? Like Mariah in Commissioner Rader's story, we too can be used by God to perform the miraculous and even raise the dead back to life. Hallelujah!

At this time, neither of the authors has participated in the miracle of raising the dead. Despite the example of Mariah, and others that will no doubt follow in days to come, we are speaking as advocates, not witnesses. However, we wonder if the main reason we have not experienced this yet is because, living in the western world, we very rarely see dead bodies. Consequently, we are not strategically positioned to be used by God to accomplish this miracle.

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God the Father delegates authority to those He can trust. He seems to be able to trust people like Jesus and Mariah, those who are completely devoted to Him. Perhaps this is a call to consecration for you. Ask the Lord if there are any parts of your life in which He does not enjoy full authority and exercise divine reign; then dedicate those areas to Him. Once He has everything, He can fill everything with Himself.

Then we can employ Jesus' compassion and Mariah's confident intensity in our lives today and look for opportunities to take risks in faith-filled obedience to God for His glory.

BOOTH WORD

“Have not marvelous cures of various diseases been wrought amongst us also? Have we not seen men and women and little children raised up from the borders of the grave, and restored to health and vigor, in answer to the prayer of faith? Have we not seen cures effected in a moment when every human means has been tried, but tried to no avail? When kindred and friends have been in absolute despair, and when the sufferers themselves had concluded that there was no healing for them in this life, has not God appeared to them, and have they not been raised up, to go in and out amongst us again praising Him, and are not some of them since passed away, glorifying the Prayer-answering God on triumphant dying beds?” ~William Booth~

*Look for opportunities to take risks in
faith-filled obedience to God for His
Glory.*

UP WORD

Jesus, You have the victory over death! I give You every part of my life, my time, money, skills, and passions. Take it all. I am devoted to You and Your Kingdom. Fill me with Your love so that I may be courageous and have a practical, wonder-working compassion on all I see today. Amen.

ON WORD

Practice Dead-Raising

We have read stories in the Bible of Jesus raising the dead and heard of God returning the dead to life in recent times. The one thing all these miracles have in common is people courageously praying in faith.

- Start growing your faith by praying for dead plants to come back to life. Use this simple exercise to increase your faith.

Day



BACK WORD

20 Healings at Easter Camp

James Thompson, Australia

One year, we went to a Salvation Army Easter Camp. On Saturday morning, we all went out to do various things in the community; my group was the evangelism group. Immediately people began giving their hearts to Christ. Hallelujah! The youth were learning how to evangelize and they were making great progress.

Chris and I prayed for a Christian man with a slipped disk. We laid hands on him and called to the Lord for healing. Once we had finished praying we asked him how he felt and he replied, "It is more free!" He thanked us and we continued on, excited that God was moving through us. On the way back to camp, we were sharing this story in the car when a boy asked if we could pray for his wrist that had been sprained. One of the boys prayed for him and he, too, was completely healed!

Once we got back to camp, he told everyone about his healing. Over the next few days about 20 people were healed of

health problems, including shin splints, infected nose, badly sprained ankles, sore throats, itchy infected eyes, strained hamstrings, feet problems, stomach complaints, and even a fractured wrist. Young people were praying for one another and God was doing amazing things.

Although some of these healings may seem trivial, they meant a lot to those who received them. These miraculous healings encouraged and built up the youths' faith. They were challenged to step out in faith and pray for healings when they left camp and returned home. Praise God for healing the sick and empowering us to save our generation!

IN WORD

Acts 5:14-16

Many men and women started having faith in the Lord. Then sick people were brought out to the road and placed on cots and mats. It was hoped that Peter would walk by, and his shadow would fall on them and heal them. A lot of people living in the towns near Jerusalem brought those who were sick or troubled by evil spirits, and they were all healed. (CEV)

The Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—record many of the same events and provide us different perspectives on them. These two stories are like that. Each could be a different perspective of the same event. In both, people are getting saved when all heaven breaks loose and people begin getting healed of sickness and disease, and demons are being removed from people. Hallelujah!

Although it sounds fantastic to many of us, it is actually normal because "... where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Corinthians 3:17 NIV). In both reports, it is evident that the Holy Spirit is active and there is freedom. The people involved seem to expect God to move miraculously and He did.

Can you imagine being Peter in that season? He would likely feel a tension between wanting to remain humble and the desire to go looking for sick people to pass his shadow over. The power and presence of God on him was more potent than most of us have ever experienced (yet). Nevertheless, Peter was not a god or a unique person. He was a flawed disciple just like us.

That means Peter's experience is not beyond our limits; we can know God's power like Peter did. As a result of Peter's miracle, many men and women had faith in Jesus and were added to the Church! That is our heart, too. May each of us experience the power of God operating in our lives to do the miraculous toward that end.

BOOTH WORD

"Let us beware of fanaticism and the sin of presumption on this subject. Whom God will heal without the use of means, He does heal, and signs of that healing are never long delayed. To withdraw the use of legitimate means for checking or curing disease is to assume a grave responsibility, and to come perilously near to the infliction of a great wrong."

~William Booth~

UP WORD

Yahweh, I know that You delight in giving me the Kingdom (Luke 12:32). I want to walk in righteousness, joy, and peace and have the Holy Spirit active in me manifesting Your power. I want to be humble as You use me for Your purposes, and I want to avoid presumption and fanaticism. I want to hear Your voice and quickly obey it. Help me, please. Amen.

ON WORD

Eyes for Opportunities

- Before you leave your home today, ask God to open your eyes to the opportunities for Him to perform a miracle through you.
- Watch for people in wheel chairs, on crutches, etc, and listen when people mention their needs. The answer to “How are you feeling?” can provide you opportunities for prayer.
- Every time you find someone who needs healing, imagine what could happen if you prayed for them and God performed a miracle!
- Then pray for each need you encounter and expect a miracle.

Day



BACK WORD

Back Miracle

James Thompson, Australia

While reading the Bible, I became aware that my life did not match up to the way the Apostles lived. As I read the Gospels and the book of Acts, I saw people being healed, regularly. Comparing their life to mine, I could not help but notice that nothing like that ever happened to me. It soon became obvious that the only difference between them and me was that I never stepped out in faith and prayed for people to be healed.

I was working one day at the Corps when a man came in for help who seemed to be bothered with some sort of pain. I asked him how he was feeling and he told me how he had been carrying a large heavy object with two other men who then fell and dropped the object, leaving him holding it on his own. The force of that heavy weight damaged his back. Each morning, he had to choose whether to take the medication that made him feel sick but helped his back or not take the medication and have back pain all day.

I told him that God loved Him and could heal his back and we prayed together. Suddenly, he stopped fidgeting and said the pain was better. However, it seemed his back was not completely healed. Although it seemed only slightly improved, I decided not to give up on praying for healing.

A few months later, a woman came into the Corps for help. I started chatting with her and invited her to our community lunch; however, she said she couldn't come because of a doctor's appointment. I asked her what was wrong and she told me it was her back. I recounted to her the story of the man whose back was better after prayer and then prayed for her, but this time I prayed with more faith and boldness. I finished praying a simple prayer and suggested she test her back.

She looked at me strangely but slowly bent over. She then began bobbing up and down repeatedly and said, "Wow! That happened so quickly!" Her back was completely healed! She went throughout the Corps telling everyone that God had healed her. Hallelujah!

IN WORD

Mark 16:17

And these attesting signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages; They will pick up serpents; and [even] if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will get well. (Amp)

This BACK WORD story was included partly to help normal people, like us, to relate to healing, signs, and wonders. It might be easy to become personally disconnected when reading about these supernatural manifestations and believe that they are only for “superstar” Christians.

However, here is a guy who read the Bible, held it up as a mirror and did not find a match. So, instead of feeling devalued or denying the validity of the Bible’s miracle passages, he determined to be the revolution he wanted to see. Our text for today boldly asserts that those who believe WILL heal sick people. Like the guy in the story, you too can walk it out in your life.

This is a great example for we who believe the Word – we WILL heal sick people! Instead of smashing the mirror of the Word, let us believe God, heal some sick people and bring God’s Kingdom to earth!

BOOTH WORD

“Bring more faith into your praying. Do not be content with merely telling God about your wants, or expressing your desires, or even in reminding yourself of His ability and willingness to supply all your needs, but take hold of His word, and believe that He does, there and then, if it be His blessed will, give you the things for which you ask.” ~William Booth~

UP WORD

Jesus, I believe in You and in Your Word. Give me the boldness to step out in faith today with the expectation that the sick will be healed, demons will flee, and that You will use me and protect me. Give me opportunities to exercise my faith TODAY!

ON WORD

Partner with God

- Sit on a bench (or in some public place) and ask God to give you the opportunity to partner with Him in a miracle.
- Wait and see what God has in store for you!

... those who believe WILL heal sick people ... let us believe God, heal some sick people and bring God's Kingdom to earth.

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BACK WORD

Late Stage Terminal Cancer Healed

Craig Stephens, Australia

In 2006 Bob was diagnosed with chronic thyroid leukemia. Bobs pathology report in 2008 showed that he had the highest cancer cell count on record in the pathology lab of the Royal North Shore Hospital. He was 183% cancerous! The cancer was out of control and getting worse. This cancer made Bob continuously tired, sick and emotionally weak. It looked as if Bob was destined to die; in fact he was given 6 -18 months to live.

One day Bob was prescribed a new medication that was actually unavailable, so he was unable to take it. The result of not taking the medication meant that Bob's heart would stop working, his blood would thicken and he would most likely have a stroke.

However, God had other plans! One night Bob went to a prayer group where they prayed for him. The next day he went to get more pathology reports done and despite not being able to take the medication to make him better, to every-

one's amazement, all the medical cancer signs were dropping fast. Bob's cancer went into remission after prayer!

IN WORD

A Biblical Deliverance Prayer

Even though this was not Bob's case, sometimes sin in our lives gives a pathway for the enemy to afflict us with illness. Following is a deliverance prayer for those situations.

Lord Jesus Christ, I am sorry for my sin. This godly sorrow leads me to repent (2 Corinthians 7:10). Have mercy on Me, O God, and wash me in Your lovingkindness (Psalm 51:1). I repent and turn to You (Acts 3:19).

Like Ruth's unwilling kinsman-redeemer, I remove my sandal and renounce those sins that have bound me (Ruth 4:6-8). I renounce _____ (fill in the blank with sins that God calls to mind, both those you have committed and those practiced by others of which you have been a victim).

Jesus, You commanded us to repent and believe (Mark 1:15). I repent of my sin. I believe in You. I receive You as Lord of my life and I believe in Your name (John 1:12). I confess aloud, "Jesus is Lord of every area of my life!" I believe in my heart that Father, You raised Jesus from the dead (Romans 10:9-10).

Hallelujah. Jesus, I accept Your invitation to "Come, follow Me" (Mark 1:17). I will follow (Colossians 2:6-7).

Say to the Enemy: Demon(s), I rebuke you in Jesus' name. I charge you to leave me, now! I command you never to return (Mark 9:25).

Say to God: *Thank You, Holy Spirit. You are here and where You are there is freedom (2 Corinthians 3:17). I know that You want to keep filling me with Yourself. Please start now filling me up (Ephesians 5:18). Thank You, God! (Greater Things version)*

BOOTH WORD

“Therefore, oh, my comrades, I want you to labor mightily for their multiplication. To this end, I beg of you to urge each other the duty of Believing Prayer. The danger of this age lies in the direction of Skepticism, rather than Fanaticism, terrible as is the latter folly, and deplorable as are the consequences suffered by the community where it holds its frenzied sway. Believing too little rather than too much, is the evil we have most cause to dread. O Lord, increase our faith! See to it comrades, that you consider the necessity for more faith, and strive night and day, both in public and in private, to cast yourselves more fully on God than you ever have done before in all the exercises of your Salvation work – indeed, in all you think, and speak, and do – for a richer supply of this urgent need.”
~William Booth~

UP WORD

Yahweh, William Booth exhorts us to labor mightily to multiply miracles. I believe and I pray for You to increase my faith and make me a tool to touch the needy with Your miracle-working power. Thank You. Amen.

ON WORD

Step Out

- Go to the local supermarket and keep your eyes open for those who are sick, addicted, depressed, and injured. Basically, look for opportunities for Jesus to perform a miracle.
- Start a conversation with one of the needy people and inquire if you can ask God to give them a miracle.
- Then pray quietly in faith and expectation.

Day



BACK WORD

36 Hour Trance/Glory Fits

Power For Witness, July 1884, Australia

During the past month there have been peculiar visitations upon many of our soldiers. At Beechworth, Collingwood, and Prahran, several have fallen down insensible, and have continued in this state for periods ranging from one hour to thirty-six.

Whilst unconscious they were holding communion with the Savior, saying, “Jesus, Jesus, Blessed Jesus!” Their faces were lit up with ecstasy, and they evidently were having a blessed time of it. We have carefully examined many of the cases whilst they were insensible and when they came to. For a few hours afterwards they had a confused and dazed appearance, but gradually their minds cleared and they were able to describe that which they had passed through, but sometimes they would pause and say that they could not, or were not allowed to state what they saw. Thus far, all was well.

(This story is from an old Australian Salvation Army periodical called, *Power For Witness*.)

IN WORD

Acts 9:1-18

Meanwhile, Saul continued to oppose the Lord's followers. He said they would be put to death. He went to the high priest. He asked the priest for letters to the synagogues in Damascus. He wanted to find men and women who belonged to the Way of Jesus. The letters would allow him to take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. On his journey, Saul approached Damascus. Suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground. He heard a voice speak to him. "Saul! Saul!" the voice said. "Why are you opposing me?"

"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus," he replied. "I am the one you are opposing. Now get up and go into the city. There you will be told what you must do." The men traveling with Saul stood there. They weren't able to speak. They had heard the sound. But they didn't see anyone. Saul got up from the ground. He opened his eyes, but he couldn't see. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind. He didn't eat or drink anything. In Damascus there was a believer named Ananias. The Lord called out to him in a vision. "Ananias!" he said. "Yes, Lord," he answered.

The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street. Ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias. The man has come and placed his hands on him. Now he will be able to see again." "Lord," Ananias answered, "I've heard many reports about this man. They say he has done great harm to God's people in Jerusalem. Now he has come here to arrest all those who worship you. The chief priests have given him authority to do this."

But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! I have chosen this man to work for me. He will carry my name to those who aren't Jews and to their kings. He will bring my name to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for me." Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. He placed his hands on Saul. "Brother Saul," he said, "you saw the Lord Jesus. He appeared to you on the road as you were coming here. He has sent me so that you will be able to see again. You will be filled with the Holy Spirit." Right away something like scales fell from Saul's eyes. And he could see again. He got up and was baptized. (NlrV)

God loves giving people visions! Throughout both Old and New Testaments, we find God communicating to people through visions. It is not the only way He makes an announcement but when something special is about to happen, God often gives a vision.

A vision is when you see something God wants you to see; it may be in a dream or a daydream when your eyes are wide open, it may be when your eyes are closed or it may even just appear in front of your eyes as if you were watching television.

Sometimes God wants us to be still so He can speak to us and prepare our heart for what He is about to do. Saul was struck blind so that God could get His message through to Him. As Saul was waiting on God, He gave another person a vision and through that vision Saul received his eyesight. But even more importantly, Saul received the light of the truth.

Saul's vision was incomplete on its own; it required Ananias to come and explain it fully. Ananias' vision would have been incomplete if he had not obeyed God. Because Ananias

obeyed the vision God gave Him, Saul's vision became complete; he was saved and came to know that Jesus was the Messiah.

Sometimes visions from God are scary, they may seem incomplete and leave us wondering what is going to happen. Yet, we can rest in peace because God is faithful and will bring the vision to fruition. Trust the visions God gives you; someone's life may depend on it!

BOOTH WORD

"I question very much whether there has been a people since the Israelites of old who have been more favored with marvelous manifestations of God's power in the rescue of Comrades from difficulty of one kind and another in temporal affairs than we have been privileged to witness." ~William Booth~

UP WORD

Word of God speak. I want to hear Your voice today. Please give me visions and pictures of what You are saying. Help me to listen to You all day long and once I have listened, help me to obey. Amen.

ON WORD

Imagine the Possibilities

- Spend some time dreaming, and imagine what would happen if you could have a miracle ministry. Envisage what it would be like to step out in faith and pray for the sick and see them get better.
- Visualize what would happen if you prayed for the addicted and they were set free, and for the depressed and they were filled with joy.
- Imagine how many people would come to know Christ through such warfare. Spend some time now imagining what the possibilities could be.
- Do you believe God can do that for YOU?

*God is faithful and will bring
vision to fruition.*

Day



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BACK WORD

Face Healed

Major Laurens, Australian in Tanzania

Cheryl and I had a most wonderful day at a half-day seminar and teaching where we met some beautiful people who made us feel very welcome. At the end of the seminar meeting, an invitation for any who would like prayer was made and about forty people came forward.

One particular gentleman came holding his face; I had sensed the Lord telling me to ask for anyone who was suffering pain on the left side of their face to come forward for prayer. This man stood up and told me that he had suffered terrible pain in his face for some many months and even medication would not make it go away. I prayed for him and sought the Lord to come to him with healing and to remove all pain; he began shaking and then lifted his hands and declared that he had no pain.

Later that day, he testified that the pain had left him and he could move his lips without discomfort. At the meeting the following morning, he reported that the previous night he had

been able to sleep for the first time in many months without pain and when he awoke this morning, the disfigurement of his face was gone along with all pain.

IN WORD

John 10:10

The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life, and have it to the full. (NIV)

People try various activities believing that they are living life to the full because they desire to get as much out of life as possible. Adrenaline junkies seek high-risk activities thinking that life to the full is jumping out of airplanes, surfing big waves, and driving fast cars.

Jesus, however, provides the ultimate life. He came to give everyone life to the full. His version of “life to the full” is different from risk-taking or adrenaline highs. His abundant life is a life of completeness and freedom from sin. On the other hand, the devil comes to steal our freedom, to destroy our happiness, and kill our dreams and holiness. The devil wants to destroy us.

In the above account, the devil was stealing the man’s life. It was being destroyed by pain and disfigurement but Jesus healed Him so that He could live life to the full! Jesus wants everyone everywhere to live their lives to the full.

BOOTH WORD

“Men and women who have been the subjects of these remarkable manifestations of Divine Power are sometimes spoken of by us as “trophy of Grace.” They are to be found, as I have said, in almost every Corps throughout the world, where they not only command the attention of the multitude who are without God, but compel a measure of faith in Him in eternal things.” ~William Booth~

UP WORD

Yahweh, thank You for sending God the Son to provide us the experience of an abundant life—a rich, meaningful, adventurous, fulfilling life. I want to experience that life! What is keeping You from unleashing more of Your abundant life in me? Show me my sins. Show me the areas I haven’t yet dedicated to You. I will repent and consecrate myself to You. Please live Your life in me. Amen.

Jesus provides the ultimate life. He came to give everyone life to the full.

ON WORD

Addiction Smashing!

- Find someone who is struggling to overcome an addiction. It might be smoking, drugs, alcohol, or even pornography. You might find them at home, school, work, or just standing outside having a smoke.
- Ask them if you could pray for God to take away their addiction. Rebuke the addiction in Jesus' name and release life in its fullness to them!

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BACK WORD

Supernatural Automobile Repair

Craig Stephens, Australia

While prayer walking in our neighborhood, I came to a Muslim household. The mother of the house was in a broken down cargo van with her five kids. They were obviously late for school and she could not get the car to start.

I walked up to the car, laid my hands on it and declared, “In the name of Jesus **START!**” The whole family watched as the car started immediately. This is a classic example of Jesus revealing Himself as far more than a prophet!

Later, the same kids came to our holiday program where we asked them what words best describe God. Their answer was “Jesus!” Wow!

*Remember that only God judges
between our needs and whims.*

IN WORD

Philippians 4:19

And my God shall supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (ASV)

There are things that we consider “worthy” of prayer like health, relationships issues, job status, and similar “big ticket” items. However, many of us are a little skeptical about stories of people who ask the Lord which sock to put on first or to help them get a great parking place close to the store.

Yet, in this passage the Apostle Paul is assuring us that our God shall supply every need you have. How does He meet our needs? He does it “according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” You might note that He supplies every need, not every whim or desire. That seems fair but remember that only God judges between our needs and whims. He wanted to supply the need of the Muslim mother and her children to get her car started and by the manifest power of the Lord Jesus Christ, He did. Hallelujah!

This is a wonderful example for us, too. Let God know your “needs” and your “desires,” ask Him for all of them in faith, and let Him determine which ones to answer.

BOOTH WORD

“Again and again we have evidence, in the history of His ancient people, of His sending them afflictions to compel their attention to their idolatries and their

wickednesses. Because they neglected His statutes, broke His commandments, fraternised with His enemies, or gave themselves up to Idolatry, He sent them Serpents, and Droughts, and Sickness, and Famines, and Foreign Foes with fire and sword. And when they repented, confessed their sins, and returned to Him, He delivered and took them into His favour again.”
~William Booth~

UP WORD

Yahweh, thank You for all the riches and glory that are in Christ Jesus! These are my needs and desires for the day: (recite your list). I can't wait to see how You will answer my requests today. Amen.

ON WORD

Prayer For Impossible Situations

Perhaps you or someone you know is facing an impossible situation right now. It may look like all hope is gone and nothing can be done. It might be a marriage break up, unemployment, or some other situation.

- Pray to the God of hope, present your needs and ask for a miracle.

Day



BACK WORD

Word of Knowledge Healing

James Thompson &
the Go For Souls Team, Australia

During a “Go For Souls” training day, we were teaching on healing evangelism. Toward the end of the instruction, a girl told us that she had a migraine, so we gathered everyone and started praying that Jesus would heal her.

As we prayed, we received a Word of Knowledge from God that her migraine was somehow caused by her spine and then we received another Word that her spine was suffering because she had one leg shorter than the other. Not knowing if this was true, we sat her down on a chair and got her to raise her legs to see if one was shorter than the other—and it was.

We all placed our hands on her and commanded the short leg to grow in Jesus’ name—and it did! We all watched as Jesus grew out her leg before our eyes!

(See the GO FOR SOULS Youtube channel for this testimony and others!)

IN WORD

Acts 16:18

... And this she did many days. And Paul, being distressed, turned, and said to the spirit, I enjoin thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And it came out the same hour. (Darby)

Note the power of the name of Jesus. Throughout the book of Acts miraculous things happen “in the name of Jesus.” People repented, others were healed, some were freed from demons, and so on. The name of Jesus represents the authority of Jesus Christ.

If I came to you in the name of the Territorial Commander (TC) of The Salvation Army, you would pay attention because I was representing the TC and acting in the power of his or her delegated authority.

In the same way, when you confront demons or sickness, if you are close to the Lord Jesus Christ and obey His commands, you can act in His delegated authority. While sickness will not bend to you and demons will not be impressed with you as a person, they must submit to the ultimate authority of Jesus Christ, in whose name you are acting. Whether you are expelling a disease or evil spirits, this knowledge should provide you with a cautious confidence as you continue to obey the Lord.

If you are close to the Lord Jesus Christ and obey His commands, you can act in His delegated authority.

BOOTH WORD

“The Bible plainly teaches that God at times permits ... sickness on His people—sometimes for their profit, that they may be made partakers of His holiness; sometimes as a chastisement for their unfaithfulness, or their unbelief, or their sins.”

~William Booth~

UP WORD

Lord, thank You for the power of Your name. Thank You that demons flee when we represent You and combat them with Your authority. Thank You that the day is coming when at Your name every knee shall bow in heaven and on earth and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. But, I'm not waiting for that day—You are my Lord today! Hallelujah! Amen.

While sickness will not bend to you and demons will not be impressed with you as a person, they must submit to the ultimate authority of Jesus Christ, in whose name you are acting.

ON WORD

Miracle Notebook

- Begin reading the gospels and watch for the occasions Jesus performed miracles.
- Get a notebook and write down all the miracles of Jesus that you come across.
- Write down your answers to these questions about each miracle you find:
 - What did Jesus look for in a person when they asked for a miracle?
 - How did Jesus treat people?
 - Why did Jesus perform miracles?
 - What reaction did people have when they received a miracle?
- As your notebook fills with stories, review it often to increase and embolden your faith.

Day



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BACK WORD

Infertility Healed

Lieutenant-Colonel Howard Burr, USA

Pat and I were in a Holiness Meeting at the School For Officers Training when, to my surprise, God directed me to go and pray for two Cadets to be able to conceive a child. I had heard the reports of their doctor's visits and procedures they had experienced only to be told that the wife's hormone levels were too low to carry a child.

Medical science had given up on them yet God was telling me to go and pray. I asked Him again if I was really supposed to do that; I said something like, "Are You kidding me?" and I heard the Lord tell me again to pray for them. So I reluctantly knelt by them and asked if I could anoint them with oil and pray that they would be able to conceive. They graciously said, "Yes." I anointed and prayed for them as the Spirit led me and then I returned to my seat.

The next morning while working at my desk, the Holy Spirit spoke to me and said, "She's pregnant." Just receiving that Word was one of the most personally astounding mo-

ments of my walk with God. Later that week, they stopped by to report that they had done another blood level test on Monday morning and this one reported her hormone levels were now normal! Only a few weeks later she stopped by to tell me that she was pregnant.

Since then, there have been two other times God has spoken to me to pray for infertile couples to be able to have children. On both occasions the couples conceived that evening.

Before the Holy Spirit spoke to me, I would never have considered praying for infertile women to get pregnant. Now I tell the Lord that I will do whatever He asks no matter how absurd it may sound to me, or others. I know by personal experience that He is "... able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20 NIV).

IN WORD

Ephesians 3:20

God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by His power that is working in us. (NIRV)

God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by his power that is working in us.

What are the weirdest miracle stories you can remember from the Bible? Do you recall Jonah getting swallowed by a whale ... a donkey talking ... a small boy defeating a giant ...

a man whose superhuman strength was due to the length of his hair ... angels lighting up the skies singing to shepherds?

What others must have thought when they told their stories! “The Holy Spirit impregnated me,” “A donkey spoke to me,” “All my strength comes from my hair length.” If someone walked up to you and said any of those things the chances are you would laugh at them and think they were joking or crazy.

We need to always remember that God is creative and His ways will continue to blow our minds. When we think we have seen it all, then out of nowhere God will do something to surprise us and make us say, “WOW!” God created the Heavens and the Earth and thousands of years later modern-day science is still trying to understand how He did it. His imagination is incomparable.

With that in mind, consider today’s scripture from Ephesians 3:20. Anything we can think of—He can do; not only that, but He will surprise us again and again by superseding our grandest ideas.

If you are praying for a man with no legs to stop feeling pain, think bigger—pray that his legs would grow back! If you are praying for someone who does not have enough money to get by, think bigger than God merely supplying their need—use your imagination and pray that they get a job!

When it comes time for you to step out in faith and believe for what your sanctified imagination is telling you, do not be put off by how silly or unlikely it seems to others or to you; instead, remember that God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine!

BOOTH WORD

“It must not be taught that when disease is not healed in answer to prayer, or when death follows as the result of sickness, it is the result of the unbelief of the sufferer.” ~William Booth~

UP WORD

God, You are able to do far more than I could ever ask for or imagine. Please blow all my expectations completely out of the water today. Help me to rely on Your power that is working in me. Holy Spirit, please show up and show off TODAY! Amen.

ON WORD

- Ask your Corps Officer or Pastor for a list of sick people; then pray for them.
- Your leaders will usually know of people in your community who are sick. Ask them who they are and keep them in your prayers until they improve.
- Better yet, go visit them and ask God in faith to heal them in Jesus' name.

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BACK WORD

Eyesight Restored

Major Ntoya, Republic of Congo

In February 2002, the Lord put in my heart the burden of organizing a big crusade in Kinshasa, the capital city of the Democratic Republic of Congo. At the end of the third and final day of the crusade, I invited the sick to come forward for prayer. One of those who responded was a young girl, Rachel, who had a problem with her sight. She had been wearing glasses since childhood. As we were praying from the platform, she instantly received healing. She no longer wears glasses and has fully recovered her eyesight!

Through imagination He encourages us, builds us up, gives us ideas, hopes, dreams, and commands us to do things ... Do not write off your hopes and dreams before taking them to the Lord in prayer.

IN WORD

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. (NIV)

Can you imagine living with a disease that debilitates you? A disease that does not allow you to do certain things, play sports, go to movies, eat ice cream, or even spend enough time with people to make friends? Maybe you don't have to imagine it, and that is your life right now.

It is so easy to fall into the trap of feeling sorry for yourself and to accept life just the way it is, even though it seems less than what God has intended for you. Every now and then we are tempted to believe that our life could change, but too often we put those thoughts down, labeling them as silly imagination. Yet, is it silly to imagine the cripple walking again, or the deaf hearing, or the blind seeing? Is it silly to think that the miracles in the Bible can still happen today?

God has given each of us an imagination; in fact, God speaks to us out of it. Through imagination He encourages us, builds us up, gives us ideas, hopes, dreams, and commands us to do things. Too often we write off our imagination instead of asking God if He is trying to say something to us. If we never ask if our hopes are coming from Him, we will miss great opportunities to see God do the miraculous in our lives and the lives of others. Do not write off your hopes and dreams before taking them to the Lord in prayer.

Sadly, many people accept the status quo and bury their hopes and dreams. The Bible tells us to do something different however; we are instructed to be “sure of what we hope for, and certain of what we do not see.” It is scary to reach into the unknown! Just think about the girl in the above story going forward for prayer, hoping God would cure her poor eyesight! All she had was her hope.

While most people are content to wear glasses, she was sure of what she hoped for and God did not let her down. When you think about asking for miracles, let your imagination soar, let your hopes come from the God of miracles then be sure of what you hope for and certain of what you do not see.

BOOTH WORD

“We believe that when the sick have the conviction wrought in their hearts by the Spirit of God (that He) is willing to heal them, they are justified in believing that work will be done for them. And when that conviction is wrought in God’s people on behalf of others who are sick, faith in Him for their healing is both justified and commanded.” ~William Booth~

*Be sure of what you hope for
and certain of what you do not see.*

UP WORD

Lord, I believe. I don't just have faith—I exercise my faith. Please help me to make faith an action word that affects, disrupts, establishes, and changes things. I exercise my faith in You, Your character, Your teaching, Your power, Your atonement, and in Your return. Come quickly Lord Jesus. Amen.

ON WORD

Door-To-Door Prayer Requests

- Jesus told us to love our neighbors. Today, go and knock on your neighbors' doors and tell them how God performs miracles then ask if you can pray for one of their needs.
- As you pray, imagine what it would be like if the miracle they need actually happened.
- In faith and in Jesus' name pray as though God will answer. If you do not see results at first keep the people in your prayers and visit them regularly so they know you care and are continuing to pray for them.

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BACK WORD

The Dead Returning to Life

Commissioner Wesley Harris, UK

My father's adoptive parents were retired Salvation Army officers, Major and Mrs. Blanchard of the UK. During their latter years I enjoyed visiting them several times in their home in Bristol and listening about their past experiences—but his personal life story was the most amazing of all.

When he was a teenager in Wales, the Major died and, as was customary, a funeral was held at his home. Friends and neighbors filled the living room and spilled over into the yard.

The coffin was open during the little service and just before the lid was to be screwed down for burial someone noticed that one eyelid of the corpse was twitching. The body was revived and the boy lived a full and long life as a well-loved officer in The Salvation Army!

*His power is so much greater than we
understand.*

IN WORD

2 Kings 13:20-21

Then Elisha died, and they buried him. And the raiding bands from Moab invaded the land in the spring of the year. So it was, as they were burying a man, that suddenly they spied a band of raiders; and they put the man in the tomb of Elisha; and when the man was let down and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet. (NKJV)

Wow! There's a passage you won't read in many devotional books. Yet, it completely fits with our BACK WORD story. In our story there is no mention of fasting or prayer. It is more about the strange intervention of God in the lives of people. In the story of Elisha's bones, it was the same; there was no fasting or even prayer.

It is as if God wants us to know that He is beyond comprehension. His power is so much greater than we understand. The body of Elisha, which had experienced God's power during life, continued to possess that power even in death. Just touching Elisha's supernaturally-juiced body brought the dead back to life.

It is mind-boggling but what can we take away from this unusual account? Is it telling us we are not supposed to pray; we are to be totally fatalistic and let whatever happens happen; or we should leave caskets and tombs open ... just in case?

That is probably not the message but it is good to get a healthy reminder that divine miracles are not simply me-

chanical. We cannot merely list the steps to a miracle and check the boxes off after completing each item and get a prescribed result. God is much bigger and more creative than human formulas.

We are also reminded that God is not dependent on us to do what He wants. As you have read elsewhere, He chooses to co-labor with us. He condescends to delegate authority to us. He delights to give us the Kingdom (Luke 12:32) and He is not bound by human limitations.

If God wants to “ruin” a funeral by raising the main attraction back to life, that’s His prerogative. If He desires to intervene in the heat of battle by returning life to a dead body, He can and He proved it in these accounts.

How should we respond to that? In awe! He is the almighty God. He is omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, perfectly holy, sovereign creator, King of kings, Lord of lords, and God of gods. He is worthy of all our worship, obedience, submission, adoration, and our very lives. Hallelujah!

BOOTH WORD

“Now, as I have remarked, and as you all know, we Salvationists have believed and taught from the beginning that God does, when He sees He can thus glorify Himself and benefit man, go out of His ordinary course in healing the sick in answer to the Prayer of Faith. Just as He sometimes goes out of His way to bestow other needed gifts upon people without the use of the

means ordinarily employed for their attainment. We have proclaimed this on the house-tops, and have seen it illustrated amongst us by innumerable and incontestable facts, and, with the blessing of God, we shall go on doing so.” ~William Booth~

UP WORD

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive all glory and honor and power; for You created all things and by Your will they were created and have their being (Revelation 4:11). You are my God and I worship You. Amen.

ON WORD

Sponsor a Miracle Meeting:

There are many people in our communities who need a miracle. They might be sick and need healing, they may be addicted and need freedom, depressed and need joy, out of work and need God’s provision, or many other needs.

- Work with your Corps Officer or Pastor and plan to hold a Miracle Meeting somewhere in your community. It could be at school, work, the Corps, or church.
- Promote it and believe that God will come through!
- This task will require planning and effort, so make sure you keep on top of it.

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BACK WORD

Depression Healed in Australia

Exerpt from *On Fire*, Volume 10, 2009

“I suffered depression for more than 25 years. A debilitating illness, it robbed me of self-esteem, emotional clarity, hope and joy. On several occasions I tried to commit suicide, or used drugs and alcohol to ease my pain.

“A few years later I became a Christian, I came to believe in the Scriptures that said I could be healed. Step-by-step, God showed me I didn’t have to live like a prisoner.

As I continued to seek the Lord, He showed me a vision of the clear, sound mind He wanted for me. I was prayed for and was completely healed. I have been medication-free for more than three years!”

IN WORD

1 Samuel 16:14,23

Now the spirit of the Lord had left Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him ... Whenever this came upon Saul, David

would take his harp and play. Then relief would come to Saul, he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

The devil has come to steal, kill and destroy ... (John 10:10).

The primary way the devil attacks is with lies and accusing thoughts. Throughout Scripture the devil is called “the father of lies” and “the accuser of the brethren.” When we have been lied to and accused, the devil is trying to deceive us.

Everyone has been attacked by the devil. There have been times when he has called you worthless, told you that you are not good enough, caused you to doubt your salvation, and even tried to convince you not to believe in Jesus. The devil is always trying to destroy you by making you doubt the truth of salvation, your spiritual rights and inheritance in Christ.

Saul had disobeyed God at a crucial moment and was suffering the consequences. He had decided to do life on his own and live the way that he wanted without help from God. Saul did some good things but he also disobeyed God. So the Spirit of God left him and he became tormented by a demon of depression. To get out of depression, we who are in Christ need to first understand that the devil is prowling around like a lion waiting for opportunities to devour us.

The Good News is this: Jesus is the truth and truth will literally set us free! Hallelujah!

Saul found relief from depression when he had David come and worship God with his harp and voice because worship would cause the demon to flee. Worship is acknowledging God for who He is and bowing the knee of our heart to Him. It is telling God that we believe in Him and what He says about us. It is putting our faith in truth.

When you are being attacked by the devil, accused of not being good enough, lied to about what God has done for you and how He feels about you, stand on the truth, worship God and He will set you free!

BOOTH WORD

“Amongst other remarkable things of this character has been ... Deliverance from the bondage of the most degrading evil habits such as:

The curse of drunkenness, which has reduced men lower than the level of the beasts.

The power of unclean lusts and passions, which has brought them lower still.

The cruel mastery of the opiates and other unlawful appetites, which has made them slaves without a ray of hope.

The power of hatred and revenge, which has gone near to make them in outward acts, what they already were in the heart, murderers on earth and ready to be fiends of hell.

And many other equally blighting and deadly sins.

These have been diseases that no human could modify, or cure. Magistrates, Prisons, Doctors, Human Sympathy, and Love, the strongest resolutions, and indeed every other form of remedy known to man, all combined have failed—but God has succeeded in effecting the desired cure.” ~William Booth~

UP WORD

Thank You, Father, for delivering us from evil. You don't save us IN our sins; You save us FROM them. You take us OUT of depression, drunkenness, lusts, hatred, and revenge to live in the light of Your presence, filled by Your Holy Spirit to enjoy and express the fruit of the Spirit. Hallelujah! Amen.

ON WORD

Defeating Depression

- Find someone who has depression and tell them about the love of God and how He wants to set them free.
- Tell them that God wants to speak life into them.
- Take them by the hand and command the depression to go and ask the love and peace of God to fill their hearts and minds.

*Jesus is the truth and truth
will literally set us free.*

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BACK WORD

Leg Grows

Robyn Bridgeo

On May 31, 2011, I was doing a workshop on the Heart of the Father at Men's Camp and God was at it again! While reading the scripture about a demonstration of the Holy Spirit's power, a man interrupted me and yelled, "My leg hurts!" So, we followed the Holy Spirit's lead, prayed for the man and hallelujah, his leg was completely healed from pain! But God was not finished with him ...

Prompted by the Holy Spirit, I asked him to take off his shoes and saw that one leg was about 4 inches shorter than the other. That's right; you guessed it—the leg grew out right in front of our eyes! The man, who had needed the help of a walker, put it away and walked all around men's camp the rest of the day telling everyone how God had healed him. Praise the Lord!

*The same Spirit gives the power
for all these things.*

IN WORD

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

And the Holy Spirit gives each one a gift so that all people may be helped. The Spirit gives one person wise words to say. The same Spirit gives another person words of good understanding. To another person the same Spirit gives faith, and to another person he gives the power to heal people. To another person the Spirit gives the power to do big works. Another can speak words from God. To another person he gives the power to know the difference between spirits. To another person he gives the gift to speak the words of God in other tongues or languages, and to another the meaning of these different tongues. And the same Spirit gives the power for all these things. He gives each person what he wants to give to them.
(WE)

The Holy Spirit grants to Believers whatever gifts He wants whenever He chooses. That means we are not stuck with one gift for life. Actually, we are exhorted to eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially prophecy. So, if you do not have the gift of healing or of casting out demons, it is acceptable to eagerly desire it. If you discover one day that someone has a leg shorter than the other, it might turn out that the Holy Spirit bestows a leg growing-healing gift upon you. Hallelujah!

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desire spiritual gifts.*

BOOTH WORD

“We believe that where the Gift of Healing may have been imparted, it should be exercised to the glory of God, and not to the exalting of man, and in entire subordination to the more important work of healing and sanctifying the soul.” ~William Booth~

UP WORD

Lord, please give me wise words to say. Please give me words of understanding. Please give me faith. Please give me the power to heal.

Please give me the power to do big works. Please give me words to speak. Please give me the power to know the difference between spirits.

Please give me the gift to speak the words of God in other tongues or languages. Please give me the gift to understand other tongues and languages. Lord, Your Word says to desire these gifts and I do. Thank You that they are all different but from the same Holy Spirit! Use me in all Your gifts for Your glory! Amen.

ON WORD

Holiness

God calls us to “Be holy as I am holy” (Leviticus 19:2). Holiness is essential for every follower of Christ. It is important when desiring to do miracles because it protects from impure motives and attitudes. Samuel Logan Brengle suggests there are 6 steps to holiness. Take a moment now to work through each step.

- Conviction—ask the Holy Spirit to convict you of all your sin.
- Repent—turn from sin and turn to God.
- Renounce—abandon sinful ways.
- Consecrate—set yourself apart from the world to belong to God.
- Believe—accept as true that you are cleansed of sin.
- Testify—tell others what God has done for you.

Holiness is essential to for every follower of Christ. It is important when desiring miracles because it protects us from impure motives and attitudes.

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BACK WORD

Incurable Disease Healed

An Account from November 1883, UK

A__ was converted in The Salvation Army over twelve months ago and is still a Soldier, as is her husband. She had worn spectacles for 25 years, but feeling convinced God could give her sight without them, she threw them away. Her eyes are now perfect and she can see without glasses to thread the smallest needle that can be found!

A__ heard of B__, who was ill of an incurable disease and had been attended by ten doctors; they called it a “spinal complaint,” she also had breast cancer. She went through months of not being able to eat, or even speak. She was in hospital for six months but was turned out as she was “incurable.”

A__ started praying for B__ and started writing letters to her. However the response was always a denial of the power of God. Finally A__ visited B__ and told her about the power of God and the miracles He had done! But it was no good, she continued to deny the power of God. A__ persisted

and visited a second time; this time she said, “If you put your trust in God He will heal you!”

B___ exclaimed. “I will trust in God!” As A___ was praying, B___ felt a pain from her back to her breast and her back cracked so loudly that everyone in the room heard. B___ was healed and over the following weeks she received full healing! Praise God!

IN WORD

Matthew 9:27-30

News about Jesus’ miracles spread throughout the region. As Jesus moved on from there two blind men kept following Him and yelling saying, “Have mercy on us Son of David!” Jesus went inside. However the two blind men followed and came to Jesus.

Jesus asked, “Do you believe I can do this?” They replied, “Yes Lord!” Jesus poked their eyes and said, “Because of your faith, it will be done!” As Jesus said this their blindness disappeared and they could see ... (Greater Things Version)

In the above passage, the news that Jesus was performing miracles spread throughout the region. The two blind men could not see what Jesus was doing but they heard what other people were saying about His ministry.

The men were desperate for healing and while attempting to keep pace with Jesus they yelled, “Jesus, have mercy on us!” Finally, they caught up to Him and Jesus asked them a very important question, “Do you believe that I can do this?”

These men, although they had not seen Jesus do miracles, put their faith in Him. The testimony of others built up their faith and they declared, “Yes, we believe you can heal us.” Because of their faith, Jesus healed them.

We must never shy away from declaring what Jesus has done and is doing. People will not be able to see every miracle so we must tell them, so they will be encouraged to step out in faith and experience for themselves His miracle working power!

BOOTH WORD

“From the foregoing, it will be seen that we have never discouraged Officers, or Soldiers, or any other persons, from seeking the intervention of God by Believing prayer on behalf either of the healing of their bodies or the removal of any other afflictions which they may have been called upon to suffer. The very opposite has been the case. With all our hearts we hold that God is the answerer of Believing Prayer.”

~William Booth~

*We must never shy away from
declaring what Jesus has done
and is doing.*

UP WORD

God, I need Your intervention. You know better than I do how many ways I need You to be involved in my life. Please, intervene in my _____ (fill in the blanks with your needs). Please intervene between me and sin, intervene between me and failure, intervene between me and injustice, intervene between me and poverty, intervene between me and temptation. Thank You. Amen.

ON WORD

Poster

- Today make a poster that reads, “FREE HEALING!” or “DO YOU WANT A MIRACLE?” Display in a busy place.
- Ask people if they need a healing or a miracle for anything and then pray for them in faith in Jesus’ name.

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BACK WORD

Cancer Cured

Simon Pickens, Australia

Simon applied for Training College to become a Salvation Army Officer. This is a two-year, live on campus training and would mean moving from a small country town to live in the city of Melbourne. This also meant that he was required to be at The Salvation Army Training College in Melbourne by a certain date for the beginning of term.

However, one day while working Simon bumped himself. He didn't think much of it at the time but when the pain and swelling did not go down he decided to get it checked out by the doctor. The doctor did some tests and before Simon had much of a chance to think about anything he was told he had cancer. Within two days he was operated on.

This cancer was so aggressive that if it had continued undetected, it would have become un-treatable and inevitably result in Simon's death. But Simon put his faith and trust in Jesus and surrounded himself with people who would pray for him. Simon had a strong sense that God had called him to be an Officer in The Salvation Army and so Simon refused

to believe that the cancer would stop the plans God had for him.

Simon was undergoing chemotherapy and was required to submit a clear report from his oncologist if he was to commence Training College. Simon, full of faith that God had healed him, packed his car with all his belongings and drove to the hospital to get his results. If the results came back and he was still sick, he would not be allowed to begin at Training College. But, to Simon's joy, his results came back clear - he kept on driving to The Training College, happy and healed. Today Simon is an Officer in The Salvation Army; a testimony that God is true to His word.

IN WORD

2 Timothy 2:2

And the things you have heard me teach in varied company, these entrust to reliable disciples who have become qualified to equip others. (Greater Things Version)

Our BACK WORD story is a reminder to lay hands on anything that moves in believing prayer. We may not be aware of all the ramifications of what we are doing but as we step out in faith, co-laboring with God to intervene between people and their sickness, He sometimes works miracles. Hallelujah!

Please notice, we are talking about soldiers (or ordinary Christians) here. It was not Patricia King or the General of The Salvation Army. This was a group of soldiers; warriors who love God and love people. If God can use them in this powerful way, He can use us, too.

BOOTH WORD

“We believe that God hears and answers His people’s believing prayer.” ~William Booth~

UP WORD

Thank You Father that You use everyone to accomplish Your will. Help me to hear and understand Your will, imprint it upon my heart. Give me boldness and faith to step out and believe for miracles. I will not put my trust in my own strength or power, but I will trust entirely in Your faithfulness. Amen.

ON WORD

Pray For Two People Today

- Go out of your way to pray for two people today who need a miracle. Do not just pray at home—go and lay hands on them and pray aloud.
- When you pray, thank God for the miracles He has done in the past and continues to do today. Then in faith ask for a miracle for that person in Jesus’ name and expect Him to do something!

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BACK WORD

Crushed Leg Restored

Annie Hodges, November 1883, Australia
(Excerpt from *Power for Witness*)

Three years ago I was run over. The wheel passed over the whole of my left side and frequently since, I have felt pain running down that right side. Soon after this I began to suffer neuralgia and have had teeth removed. I tried all sorts of medications from various doctors but nothing helped me. I have also suffered from sleep walking for over ten years. Doctors have tried a few methods of helping me but again nothing has helped. Two years ago as I was walking in my sleep, I tripped over and hurt my hip. I thought it was okay at the time, however, I began to limp and doctors told me I had an abscess forming in my hip joint. My spine also deteriorated over this time. At one stage I fell comatose for several days and was subject to fits.

I was with a group of Salvationists one morning and we were singing, "The great physician now is near." And it came with such power to me, unlike I had experienced before, it was like Jesus was right there with me and that He would

heal me. So I knelt down, no one knew why, and simply told Jesus I wanted to be healed of everything. I also told Jesus that if He cured me I would no longer use my strength for the devil but only for the glory of God.

I sat up on my seat but the pain increased and I heard a voice say that when it was my turn to speak, I would fall down unless I used my stick. I said, “No, the Lord has cured me! And in His strength I will walk up to the front and tell them what the Lord has done for me!” I took a step and I felt like fainting but I took another step and I was free from pain! My friends saw me walking and were amazed I was walking without support. They asked if I needed an arm to lean on but I refused because God had healed me! And He has—none of my previous complaints have ever come back!

IN WORD

Matthew 9:1-8

Back in the boat, Jesus and the disciples re-crossed the sea to Jesus' hometown. They were hardly out of the boat when some men carried a paraplegic on a stretcher and set him down in front of them. Jesus, impressed by their bold belief, said to the paraplegic, "Cheer up, son. I forgive your sins." Some religion scholars whispered, "Why, that's blasphemy!"

Jesus knew what they were thinking, and said, "Why this gossipy whispering? Which do you think is simpler: to say, 'I forgive your sins,' or, 'Get up and walk'? Well, just so it's clear that I'm the Son of Man and authorized to do either, or both ..." At this he turned to the paraplegic and said, "Get up. Take your bed and go home." And the

man did it. The crowd was awestruck, amazed, and pleased that God had authorized Jesus to work among them this way.

The greatest miracle of all is the gift of Salvation. Jesus Christ died a painful death, was placed in a borrowed tomb and three days later rose from the dead to save us forever! What a miracle! Jesus did all this to forgive our sins and reconcile us with the Creator of the universe!

Some may call this great miracle a mere fantasy or fable. “As if that could actually happen!” some might say sarcastically. People may even call us names; mock and even laugh at us when we speak of this great miracle of salvation.

When Jesus forgave a man of his sins and the religious people were upset, how did He respond? He proved His power to forgive sins by demonstrating the power to heal a lame man! Jesus established His authority to forgive through healing.

In your evangelizing today, remember that salvation is the greatest miracle of all and every other miracles point towards Jesus and testifies to His mighty power to save!

BOOTH WORD

“The first main object for which the Army exists is the bringing of lost sinners to God, training them in holiness of heart and life, teaching them to fight for Him, and leading them onward in the great conflict with Earth and Hell, until they are called to join the Host of the Redeemed, That I say, is the object for which The Army exists; but, alas, the world, absorbed with its vain pleasures and pursuits, cares for none of

these things, and the performance of such miracles of faith as those to which I have referred is a powerful means of arresting attention to the claims of Jehovah and the realities of religion.” ~William Booth~

UP WORD

Lord, thank You for the greatest miracle of all—salvation; and thank You for choosing us to co-labor with You to bring that miracle to a lost world. Hallelujah! I want to regularly be involved with You in bringing this miracle transformation to people’s lives. I, here and now, announce my willingness, availability and intention to partner with You in the miracle of salvation. Please show me how to effectively present salvation to everyone You bring across my path. Amen.

ON WORD

Testify

- One of the easiest and most natural ways of sharing the gospel is testifying. Today tell no fewer than three people about the God who does miracles and especially His miracle of salvation.
- Tell them of the things He did that are recorded in the Bible, what He is doing today from the stories in this book and other sources. Give God the glory and let people know that He still works miracles, even today!

Day



BACK WORD

Gang Leader Saved

Craig Stephens, Australia

One day I was prayer walking and came to the door of a known gang leader I was acquainted with. Wearing my Salvation Army Red Shield t-shirt, I was prompted to knock on his door and speak to him. He answered the door and said, “Wow, you’re not going to believe this; I just finished writing ‘F___ the world, send me salvation’ and here you are with SALVATION written loudly across your shirt!”

The Lord gave me a couple of words of knowledge that described his current circumstances. I shared these with him and it blew him away! As a result, he said a prayer of repentance right there and then, and committed his life to Christ.

IN WORD

Acts 4:12

Salvation is found in no one or through nothing else. There is no other name under heaven given to men and women by which we must be saved.

This man wanted salvation and he got it. Hallelujah! We must maintain an accurate definition of salvation (only those who repent and believe in Jesus) and yet, that definition must be wide enough to include ALL who receive it.

There is no salvation in religion, false gods, philosophies, treatment plans, 12-step programs, improved morals, education, or any other works! Each of these paths leads to hell unless they are accompanied by repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

When we are close to Jesus, He sometimes speaks to us. In Craig's story, Jesus whispered a few secrets about the gang leader and Craig obediently shared them. Note that Craig was praying, making himself available. He also was acquainted with the gang leader already. By following Craig's example, we can position ourselves so that God can give us opportunities to speak into people's lives to persuade them to repent and believe in Jesus. God help us to be strategic in the way we live our lives.

BOOTH WORD

"We believe that though by His death Christ did not procure for man healing of the body in the same way that He obtained Salvation for the soul, yet He did die to bring him into such relations with the Father that all the true needs of obedient and believing saints will be supplied." ~William Booth~

(See note at the end of Booth Word on page 132)

UP WORD

Thank You Jesus, for dying on the Cross to save the world. There really is no other name under heaven by which anyone can be saved. I devote myself to declaring the Good News and telling people of their need to repent and believe in You. Help me not to get “cold feet,” but give me a boldness and burning passion for the lost that will motivate me to share the gospel, regardless what might happen!

ON WORD

Words for Friends

- Spend some time praying for your friends. Ask the Lord if there is anything He wants to say to them through you today.
- Write it down on a piece of paper, then contact them and tell them what God is saying.

*God help us to be strategic
in the way we live our lives.*

Day



BACK WORD

Delivered from Demons

Alan Steven, Australia

Iwould like to testify about how God can gently set young people free from demonic bondage. A woman came to our Corps who had been heavily involved in the occult. When we had prayer ministry with her, she fell to the ground and had fits before being set free. This woman had a daughter whom she had dedicated to Satan.

The young girl would levitate while watching television. We knew we had to pray with her. We spoke to her gently about Jesus and freedom from evil. We explained what a normal life was like and what it was not. We were amazed at the tender way God spoke to her and gently delivered her from Satan's power. God cares deeply for people and sets us free in the way that is best suited to the situation. This mother and daughter continue following Jesus and have even become soldiers in The Salvation Army!

IN WORD

Luke 10:19-20

I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy, nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven. (NIV)

Earlier, in the tenth chapter of Luke, Jesus sent the seventy-two disciples out on a mission. He commanded them to heal the sick and declare the Kingdom of God is near! They came back excited; not only had people been healed but they had come to realize the power of Jesus' name. They exclaimed, "... Even the demons submit to us in your name!" (Luke 10:17).

Jesus explained that He had given them authority over all the power of the enemy and that nothing could harm them. What an amazing promise to cling to when we are battling for the souls of men. The devil must submit to us because we have been given Jesus' authority!

In the BACK WORD testimony, we see that Jesus freed the woman who thrashed about violently and He freed her young daughter in the calmest of ways. Jesus gave His people authority over all the power of the enemy so nothing would harm them.

Instead of getting caught up in the amazing authority we have over the demonic, Jesus warns us against pride and points us back to the more important thing—our promise of eternal life. In the midst of commanding demons to go, we must remember to praise God that He has saved us! All glory to God!

BOOTH WORD

“It must not be taught that Jesus Christ has, by His atoning sacrifice, redeemed the body as He has redeemed the soul. Or, in other words, that He has procured health for the body in this life in the same sense that He procured Salvation for the soul.

Both Jesus and the apostles frequently spoke of death as certain for all men. There are, indeed, many testimonies that the Apostles desired to die, in order that by their death they might seal the witness of their lives with their blood. But the very glory of Christ's work for the soul was that He redeemed it from sin and death, that death, the wages of sin, should have no power, no victory over it.

To say then, that He redeemed the bodies of His Saints as He redeemed their souls, while He left them to perish in corruption and death, just like the bodies of the vilest sinners, is to state what is absurd.”

~William Booth~

(Even though Booth believed in Jesus' miracle healing power and encouraged followers to pray for the sick [see Booth Word, pages 66 and 118] he was concerned that some people would apply a text like “by His wounds we are healed” unconditionally and build a false faith for universal healing that could be a breeding ground for disillusionment.)

UP WORD

Lord, protect me from error. I don't want to believe and teach wrongly about signs, wonders, miracles, healing, deliverance, and salvation. I want to stand firmly on Your truth. Search my heart and doctrine. Please make known to me my mistakes. Amen.

ON WORD

Salvation Invitation

- The greatest miracle of all is salvation. Talk to a friend or acquaintance who does not profess to be a Christian and tell them about Jesus, His miracles and especially His death and resurrection.
- Invite them to become saved—to turn from their sin and believe in Jesus as their Savior and Lord. If they need a miracle, pray for it on the spot.

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BACK WORD

Healing and Forgiveness

Robyn Bridgeo

In March 2011, my wife and I had the amazing opportunity to be blessed, prophesied and prayed over by a group of 10 ministers. After that night, we were launched into an incredible adventure in the Spirit.

The following week as I was about to preach an incredible pain hit me in the left side of my chest. Never feeling anything like this before, I asked the Holy Spirit what was going on and I heard Him say, “That’s not your pain.” I was so excited and said to the people, “I don’t know what’s going on, but I have this pain in the left side of my chest ... I prayed and the Holy Spirit said, ‘Son, that’s not your pain’... So, whose pain is it?” Quickly, a woman who was visiting for the first time, stood up and said, “that’s my pain!” Then the Spirit rose up in me and I said, “No that’s not my pain and in JESUS’ name it’s not your pain either!!” She started crying and shouted, “It’s gone, it’s gone, Jesus healed me!!”

“Whew,” I said, “Don’t you just love it when Jesus shows up? Aren’t you glad you came today? I’m wondering is there

anyone else who needs the touch of the Father today?” A man named Frank stood and said, “I injured my hand and have torn ligaments. If it doesn’t get well, I will lose my job.” Honestly, I didn’t know what to do so I asked the Father what He was up to and what He wanted me to do. Then the Rhema Word came to my heart, “Forgiveness.” I looked at Frank, still not knowing what I was doing, and said, “Frank, the word forgiveness just came to my mind, what does that mean to you?” He started to cry, looked at his wife and repented asking for her forgiveness. As soon as she forgave him, he yelled out with tears in his eyes, “My hand does not hurt, Jesus healed me!”

IN WORD

Mark 16:15-18

He said to them, “Go into all the world. Preach the good news to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who does not believe will be punished. Here are the miraculous signs that those who believe will do. In my name they will drive out demons. They will speak in languages they had not known before. They will pick up snakes with their hands. And when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all. They will place their hands on sick people. And the people will get well. (NirV)

Wow! What an amazing passage of Scripture! It should challenge every one of us to ask ourselves, “Are signs following me?” Many of us have never even seen these things let alone had them follow us wherever we go! Yet, Jesus said this would happen! So why are miracles, signs and wonders not chasing us?

The Bible declares, “The disciples went out and preached everywhere ...” (Mark 16:20). If we want a “signs and wonders ministry,” we need to do what they did because we have also been called to act upon the Great Commission and share the Good News—Jesus loves the world and wants to save people, now and forever, from their sins.

The same verse goes on to say, “... The Lord worked with them ...” Ask yourself this: How much of what I do can be done without God? Sadly, most of us must admit that we can do everything we are now doing without God’s help. Yet, if we want signs and wonders to follow us, we must remember that we cannot make miracles happen; only God can do that! We have no magical powers or genie in a bottle. Rather, God works with us to do what is seemingly impossible.

The verse concludes with the statement, “... And confirmed His word by the signs that accompanied it.” Next, we have to remember that God sends signs to point to something. They point to His message of salvation and then signs confirm it is true. If we preach that Jesus wants to heal, God will confirm His message by healing people. If we preach Jesus wants to free people, God will confirm our words by setting people free.

A signs and wonders ministry is actually just a ministry where what we say about God comes true as He confirms the message with the miraculous. Look at Jesus, read about His life, see what He wanted the world to look like and you will find the message He wants you to share. As you communicate that message, He will faithfully confirm it with signs and wonders!

BOOTH WORD

“Bring more faith into your talking. Describe the miracles of the Bible in every day language; search for the miracles of yesterday, and the day before, wrought amongst you; show what God has done, and what He is doing, which none but God can do for just such people, in just such circumstances, and with just such temptations and discouragements, as those who hear you. Glory on the God of power with the same great Salvation if they will trust Him. From the Platform and in the Open Air, push men and women—Soldiers, Saints and Sinners—up to faith in God.” ~William Booth~

UP WORD

God, You're awesome! As I share Your message today with my words and actions, please confirm it with signs and wonders. As I tell about how You care for people, confirm Your message by caring for them—let the lame walk, the deaf hear, the mute speak, the possessed be set free. As I tell others how You want to save us from our sins, confirm Your message by saving people from those things that torment them! Amen.

ON WORD

Pray For Three People Today

- Go out of your way to pray for three people today who need a miracle. Do not just pray at home, lay hands on them and pray aloud.
- When you pray, thank God for the miracles He has done in the past and continues to do today. Then pray in faith and in Jesus' name expect Him to meet their needs!

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make miracles happen;
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Rather, God works with us to do what
is seemingly impossible.*

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BACK WORD

Healed of a Stroke

Majors Len & Marney Turner, Australia

Len's healing was dramatic, instantaneous, and supernatural. My husband had suffered a major stroke and I was told by the medical team at Maroondah Public Hospital to book him into a Nursing Home because he would never regain speech, see again, have the use of his right arm and leg, or be capable of cognitive thinking. Their scans medically proved the hopelessness of his condition. These scans are in our keeping along with their diagnosis: "*Absolutely no improvement, only degeneration from now on.*" Len was 44 years-old at that time. I believed and prayed for the fire of God to come into what seemed a hopeless situation.

One night, another officer and I laid hands on Len and as power immediately flowed into his right side, he spoke his first intelligible words since the stroke. The doctors and nursing staff stared in disbelief as they watched Len begin to recover; they could not offer any medical explanation for what appeared to be and proved to be a powerful healing from JESUS.

After a short period of rest, Len resumed his normal demanding schedule as a Corps Officer. I can only say “PRAISE JESUS” for the miracle healing on that night. Len continues to serve the Lord unhindered in a very responsible position of leadership in The Salvation Army!

IN WORD

Matthew 10:8

Heal sick people. Raise dead people back to life. Cleanse lepers. Kick out demons. You’ve received freely. Give freely. (41 Days version)

Jesus sent His disciples out into the salvation war with these commands and they are our basic directives, too. This scripture means that we do not have to fast and pray to determine if God wants to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, or cast out demons; He has commanded us to do it.

These things are fundamental tactics in our daily war to bring God’s Kingdom to earth. As we go out each day to win the world for Jesus, we are to preach the Kingdom of God (as Jesus directed in the preceding verse). Our preaching is to be accompanied by the use of weapons from our supernatural arsenal.

Concerning “discernment,” the man was stricken by a stroke and his wife did not need to “weigh” things to determine God’s will. They KNEW His will and wanted immediate healing from God. They knew that He commands us to heal the sick; they put their trust in Him and acted.

Our God is good. He is not like the false gods of counterfeit religions who are feared for their evil intentions. Our God is revered for His love and benevolence. God is love and we can extrapolate His commands from that attribute.

How can we know if healing or deliverance is God's will for a person? If God commanded us to do something impossible, He would have to punish us for our disobedience when we fail. That would be an evil trick, setting us up for both failure and punishment. In that scenario, He would be a mean-spirited god, which is the opposite of His true nature of goodness and love.

God is good. Consequently, what He commands, He will enable us to do. That means when God commands us to heal the sick, He must enable us to heal the sick. When God commands us to raise the dead to life, He enables us to raise dead people back to life. When God commands us to cleanse lepers, He enables us to cleanse lepers. When God commands us to kick out demons, He enables us to cast them out. Because God commands us to give freely, He must enable us to do it.

God is not an unreasonable dictator requiring the impossible, He helps us. That means if you are a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, He will help you to accomplish what He commands you to do!

*Our preaching is to be accompanied
by the use of weapons from our
supernatural arsenal.*

BOOTH WORD

“The notion that Sickness is an evidence of sin in the sufferer has no support from the Bible; on the contrary, it is distinctly condemned by the direct teaching of Jesus Christ.” ~WilliamBooth~

UP WORD

Yahweh, please don't let me get distracted by others, by failure, discouragement, or by enticing temptation. Help me to stay locked into Your purposes and direction, fighting to save everyone I can, to free everyone I can, to heal and cleanse everyone I can, and not to rationalize away failure. Amen.

ON WORD

Wheelchairs

- When you go out today keep your eyes open for someone in a wheelchair.
- Ask the first one you see if you can pray for them.
- Command their legs to work again in Jesus' name and see what happens. If you chicken out, repent and then pray for the next person you find in a wheelchair!

Day



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BACK WORD

A Pink Feather

Craig Merrett, Australia

At a recent Glory Conference, I and a few other brothers and sisters saw a strange thing—feathers floating near the ceiling. As quickly as they had come, they disappeared before our eyes! I asked the Lord for a feather and in the next meeting, a light-pink feather appeared above my head and drifted down in front of me. I now have it as a heavenly souvenir.

God is so very kind and gracious! I have studied about birds for years, so am very knowledgeable about them, and I can tell you that this feather came from no bird. Because this supernatural manifestation seems strange, we have sought the Lord for its meaning. I have been reminded of Psalm 17:8 that says, “Keep me as the apple of the eye; Hide me in the shadow of your wings.”

*Signs always point to something; they
are there to keep us on track and for
our protection.*

IN WORD

Joshua 3:14-17

So the people took their tents down. They prepared to go across the Jordan River. The priests who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them. The water of the Jordan was going over its banks. It always does that at the time the crops are being gathered. The priests came to the river. Their feet touched the water's edge. Right away the water that was coming down the river stopped flowing. It piled up far away at a town called Adam near Zarethan. The water that was flowing down to the Dead Sea was completely cut off. So the people went across the Jordan River opposite Jericho. The priests carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord. They stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the river. They stayed there until the whole nation of Israel had gone across on dry ground. (NirV)

Joshua 4:1-7

After the whole nation had gone across the Jordan River, the Lord spoke to Joshua. He said, "Choose 12 men from among the people. Choose one from each tribe. Tell them to get 12 stones from the middle of the river. They must pick them up from right where the priests stood. They must carry the stones over with all of you. And they must put them down at the place where you will stay tonight." So Joshua called together the 12 men he had appointed from among the people of Israel. There was one man from each tribe. He said to them, "Go back to the middle of the Jordan River. Go to where the ark of the Lord your God is. Each one of you must pick up a stone. You must carry it on your shoulder. There will be as many

stones as there are tribes in Israel. "The stones will serve as a reminder to you. In days to come, your children will ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' Tell them that the Lord cut off the flow of water in the Jordan River. Tell them its water stopped flowing when the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord went across. The stones will always remind the Israelites of what happened there." (NIRV)

There are stories going around about weird and wacky signs, wonders and manifestations. They mean very little to some of us. In fact, when we look at them we could be forgiven for wondering if any of it is really from God—gold dust falling on people, gems appearing out of nowhere, people falling to the ground when prayed for, and now feathers appearing out of thin air. You might wonder, what is the point?

When the Israelites had crossed the Jordan, God commanded them to make an altar of rocks to remind people about how God had dried the river so that they could cross. This altar was a sign to point people to God. The purpose of the altar was to motivate people to say, "What does that mean? What's the point?"

When God gives a sign, wonder, or supernatural manifestation, we must always question what it means. Is God trying to say something to us? Ultimately what is the point of having a sign if no one looks at it? Imagine what it would be like if no one took notice of the highway signs. People would be speeding, driving on the wrong side of the road, causing accidents, and everyone would get lost.

It is the same with miracle signs, wonders, and manifestations from God. Signs always point to something; they are

there to keep us on track and for our protection. Do not worry if they seem wacky or pointless at first. Instead, ask God what they mean and look to see what they are pointing to.

BOOTH WORD

“We believe that at times, especially when help is beyond all human skill or means, He works these wonders for His people by no other means save prayer and faith.” ~William Booth~

UP WORD

Invite God to do something new. When you spend time in prayer, ask Him to do something new to you as you sit in His presence. He may fill you with love or joy, He may show you a vision, or make you feel something. Allow the Holy Spirit to do whatever He wants as you soak in God's presence.

*What is the point of having a sign
if no one looks at it?
Ask God what the signs mean
and look to see where they are
pointing.*

ON WORD

Prophetic Acts

Sometimes God calls us to perform a “prophetic act.” These prophetic actions may make no apparent sense to spectators and even make us look crazy. Why not try this today?

- Look up a prophetic act or inexplicable miracle in Scripture and ask the Lord to explain it.
- Look up online a strange miracle like people receiving gold fillings from God or what you have read about today and share it with a friend.
- Ask the Lord if He wants you to perform a prophetic act? When Ezekiel did so, it resulted in mockery. So be prepared because you might be ridiculed, too.



BACK WORD

Boldness Brought Healing

James Thompson, Australia

One night at an Easter Camp, we were challenged by the person preaching to listen to what God had to say and watch to see what He might show us. As I prayed, I saw in my mind the picture of an elbow; I did not think much about it at the time.

Then the preacher started asking people to share and no one was willing to say what they had heard or seen. Finally, he asked me what I had heard from God. I stood up and told everyone that I had seen an elbow and that I believed God wanted to heal someone's elbow tonight. Everyone looked at me strangely and later I found out they thought I was losing my mind.

A person put up their hand and said they had suffered from a bad elbow for some time. I replied, "God wants to heal you today." I asked the people on either side of the man to place their hands on the man's elbow but they were too shy. Finally, the preacher laid his hands on the man and we all said a simple prayer.

The next morning the man testified that God had healed Him! I am amazed at how we nearly missed out on a miracle because we were hesitant. I decided that night to make certain that I always stepped out in faithful obedience and God has never let me down.

IN WORD

John 5:19

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth. The Son cannot do anything alone. He sees what his Father is doing and he does the same." (WE)

What a challenge the BACK WORD and IN WORD stories present to us! The person in the story suggests the potential dangers of disobedience for whatever reason and Jesus highlights the futility of trying to do anything in our own strength. Therefore, we are stuck between doing things on our own and disobedience for not doing things that are required by God.

William Booth used to teach that there are many ways to damnation, but only one to salvation. We can disobey God in various ways, from doing our own thing to not doing His thing, but there is only one way to live for Him—obey.

Yes, there is the possibility we will look stupid. Fear of man is actually the fear of what people will think. It is paralyzing and keeps us from obeying God. The solution is holiness (which is the resolution to every problem).

When we are sanctified, we become equipped to please God. One aspect of sanctification is neutralizing the sinful nature (the inclination to act selfishly) and when caring about

what people think interferes with our obedience we are being selfish. Paul testified in Galatians 2:20 that he was crucified with Jesus and that he no longer lives but Christ lives in him. When we are dead (to sinful inclinations), we do not care what people think of us. That is wonderfully freeing! Remember, 2 Corinthians 3:17 says, "... Where the Holy Spirit is, there is freedom." (NIV)

BOOTH WORD

"If all this had not been our experience as an Army, if we did not believe in the power of prayer, and see the proofs of it, how could we say that we are in the line of the Apostles? How could we believe that we were true followers of Jesus Christ? How could we claim to have received the Holy Spirit? Blessed be God, it is true and we affirm, in the face of an unbelieving world and a doubting church, that our God is the hearer and answerer of prayer!" ~William Booth~

*We can disobey God in various ways
... but there is only one way to live for
Him—obey.*

UP WORD

Lord, help me to break off the curses and lies of the enemy who says that I can't possibly hear You accurately, follow You as closely as the apostles, or obey You fully. I want to be known as a true follower of Jesus Christ. I claim to have received the Holy Spirit and believe that You are true to Your Word, Lord. I believe Your Word which says that I really can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Hallelujah! Amen.

ON WORD

Sanctification

If you repent of your sin, consecrate every area of your life and believe that the Holy Spirit can neutralize your natural inclination to sin AND fill you up with Himself, you can be sanctified. That will make it possible for you to live the victorious Christian life and be effective in the great salvation war.

Got it?

- Repent—consecrate—and believe.
- Seek the Lord right now for His sanctification, which is sinful-nature neutralizing, character sanitizing, “old-man” killing, flesh eradicating, Holy Spirit-filling, and soul saturating.

Day



BACK WORD

Deliverance of the Cursed

Major Alan Laurens, Australia

A woman came forward for prayer who wanted to be delivered from curses placed on her by witch doctors years before. She had lived under the stress and pressure of those curses for some time.

I prayed for her and asked the Lord to come with mighty power to deliver her, break every curse and set her free from every demon that had found a residing place within her. She first reported that she felt herself getting hotter and hotter and then suddenly felt as if she was lifted up and placed down again. She then said that a heavy pressure was being released within her and she felt something like joy pass through her, a feeling she had not experienced for years.

All of a sudden, she told me she had been released, delivered and set free. She had joy and peace of mind. She then turned to the congregation to declare that she was free and delivered. A great explosion of clapping and praise swelled up spontaneously in the meeting.

IN WORD

Luke 14:1-6

One Sabbath day, Jesus went to eat in the house of a well-known Pharisee. While he was there, he was being carefully watched. In front of him was a man whose body was badly swollen. Jesus turned to the Pharisees and the authorities on the law. He asked them, "Is it breaking the Law to heal on the Sabbath?" But they remained silent. So Jesus took hold of the man and healed him. Then he sent him away. He asked them another question. He said, "Suppose one of you has a son or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day. Wouldn't you pull him out right away?" And they had nothing to say. (NIV)

The context for this story in Luke is that the Pharisees had been giving Jesus a hard time, trying to trap Him into saying or doing something that would break the law and justify a public execution. All eyes were on Jesus as He went to the house of a prominent Pharisee. How would He handle the pressure? Would He go easy, censor His remarks, moderate His actions, and try to avoid trouble?

Instead, when Jesus saw a man suffering from swelling, while on His way to the Pharisee's house, He wanted to help him. However, it was the Sabbath, the day when no Jew was allowed to do any kind of work. Even though healing the man on this day would give the Pharisees ammunition to use against Him, Jesus strategically chose to heal him anyway.

After Jesus healed him, He sent the man away. He probably did not want him to begin to doubt his healing when people debated whether or not he had been healed by God.

Once the man was gone, Jesus spoke to the Pharisees making an appeal to their reason and compassion. He reminded them that if a child or even an animal fell down a well on the Sabbath, that they would save it. In this account, Jesus gives us a very important principle about miracles—people come first. Jesus wants to help people and nothing should stand in the way.

When the religious are trying to undermine your actions with religious arguments, remember that people come first with God. Do not allow the expectations of others or their criticism to stop you from serving God by serving people. Rather, be compelled by God's love to serve them no matter the personal consequences.

BOOTH WORD

“In matters relating to family troubles, in dark perplexities concerning our future path, in crushing burdens of poverty and want, in the fiery trials of slander, in the furnace of awful temptation and persecution, when every door has been closed and every human help cut off, we have seen our people again and again gloriously delivered by the Hand of God, in answer to the prayer of faith.” ~William Booth~

UP WORD

God, no matter what happens today, I will continue to follow and obey You. If people tease or attack me, I will continue to share Your gospel. If people disown me, I will not disown You. When people try to trap me, I will continue to have compassion. Thank You for helping me to be courageous and for never letting me go. Please help me through my tough times today. Amen.

ON WORD

Miracle Poster

- Make a sign today that reads, “FREE SPIRITUAL READINGS!” and set up a table at a busy corner.
- Ask the Lord to speak words of life to those who stop by.
- Pray and evangelize as God directs.

Day



BACK WORD

Healing of an Abused Baby

As told to

Lieutenant-Colonels Janet & Richard Munn, USA

Katie came from a troubled upbringing. Her mom suffered from mental illness and poor lifestyle choices, many of which (including drugs) contributed to Katie's issues at birth. She was born early with a hole in her heart and malformed pupils. Her biological father not only molested her as an infant, but tried to drown her. For a tiny child, she had been through so much!

She was a beautiful baby. However, she lagged in normal child development in areas such as crawling, walking, and playing. This was because she could not see very well and tired easily because of the hole in her heart. She also was not getting the care and love she needed from a mom who could barely care for herself.

A time came when Katie and her mother became homeless and decided to stay with her mother's "friends." During this time, Katie was bitten in the face by a dog, had terrible night terrors, and completely stopped growing. At a little over one—

year old, she was still wearing 6-9 months clothing and was not crawling, walking, or talking.

I took Katie to my wife and we prayed for her. We prayed healing for her heart, her eyes, and healing for her little spirit from all the trauma and abuse she had experienced in her short life. A little less than an hour after we finished praying over her, I set Katie on the floor and turned to talk to my wife. Instead of just sitting there like she had always done, Katie started crawling across the floor! But what was even more amazing was the reason she was crawling. There was a tiny yellow thumbtack under the edge of Janine's desk and Katie crawled over to pick it up and handed it to me! She saw the thumbtack and went after it!

A few weeks later, we took Katie to the doctor to schedule surgery to repair the hole in her heart but they could not find the hole with a sonogram! It was completely GONE! Later that month at her check up, the doctor told us her vision was perfect, despite her teardrop-shaped pupils! Also, in one month, she had grown an inch, gained six pounds, learned to crawl and pull herself up to stand, started to talk, and was into everything!

Today, Katie is a beautiful, healthy, normal two-year old, throwing temper tantrums, running around, getting into things, and praising the Lord (oh yes, she praises the Lord). Her first full sentence was "Hallelujah, Jesus!" After living almost a year exclusively with us, she is back with her mother, who gave her life to the Lord and is growing slowly but surely in grace. She was the catalyst for her boyfriend coming to Christ. Recently, Katie was the flower girl at her mother's

wedding to her boyfriend. They vowed to not only love each other and Katie, but to love God and keep Him first in their lives.

IN WORD

Psalm 51:7-13

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. (ESV)

It is great to see salvation affect lives. God's miraculous power intervenes in terrible situations and changes lives.

BOOTH WORD

“Bring more faith into your Testimonies. Hunt up the miracles wrought in your life, past and present, describe the confidence you are reposing in God for the future, and tell all out for the glory of God and the encouragement of your comrades.” ~William Booth~

UP WORD

Lord, I will pray the Psalmist's prayer: wash me, please. I want to rejoice in You. Blot out my iniquity. Create a clean heart in me, please; renew a right spirit within me. Don't cast me from Your presence. Don't take the Holy Spirit from me. Restore salvation's joy to me, please. Hold me up and with Your help, I will teach all kinds of sinners to turn to You. Amen.

ON WORD

Miracle Poetry

- Spend some time praising God for all the miracles He has performed in the past.
- Now write a poem, song, or rap, praising God for His wonder-working power.
- Then, if you can, find a deaf person and sing the song to them. Perhaps God will open their ears to hear your praise!

Day



BACK WORD

Eyesight Restored

Major Ntoya, Republic of Congo

We held a three-day retreat in the bush near the Congo River for all the Kinshasa prayer warriors. At the end of the second day, I invited the participants to go down to the river and wash their faces, as a sign of cleansing. I encouraged them to ask for forgiveness and claim God's healing power for their physical needs. Martha, who had problems with her eyesight, was among them and received her healing! She removed her glasses and as a test I asked her to read the Bible without glasses—she was able to read without a problem. People were amazed at how God works!

IN WORD

John 9:1-7

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. "Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?"

"It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work. But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world."

Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. He told him, "Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam" (Siloam means "sent"). So the man went and washed and came back seeing! (NLT)

What is the cause of sickness and disease? People give various reasons. We know that if we eat unhealthily and do not look after our bodies we will get sick. If certain things happen to a pregnant mother, the baby can be affected. Our family's history of illnesses makes us more susceptible to certain diseases. At other times, we have no idea why people may be sick, blind, or deaf.

The disciples, in this passage, thought that blindness was a result of sin and asked Jesus whose sin was responsible for the man's ailment. Jesus, however, was not into the "blame game," He did not care about what happened in the past, instead He cared about helping people in the present and about revealing the power of God to change lives.

Jesus did not want to blame anyone. Instead, He saw an opportunity for the power and love of God to be demonstrated! It is easy to explain away sickness, to blame people and things for causing it. However, it is much harder to see the situation as an opportunity for the power of God to be demonstrated!

Jesus reminds us that we are to be a light in the world. The world sees things one way, but we are sent to change what they see. In our daily living, we should not look at illness and impossible situations as something people deserve. Instead, we should see illness as opportunities to demonstrate God's compassion and power!

Remember, we are sent to be light in the darkness. Take every opportunity to demonstrate the power of God.

BOOTH WORD

“It must not be taught ... that sickness is necessarily an evidence of the presence of sin in the persons afflicted. Now, it is quite true that, in some instances, sickness may be brought about by sin, either by the sins of the afflicted person or the sins of others. But to say that all sickness is the result of the presence or practice of, or adherence to sin on the part of the sufferer at that particular time, is a false, unscriptural, and cruel notion. Such a view is contradicted by our everyday observation. If it were true, then the greatest sufferers would everywhere be the greatest sinners.”
~William Booth~

*Open your eyes—see the opportunities
around you for the power of God to be
demonstrated.*

UP WORD

Thank You, Father, that You love all people! Help me not to be judgmental today. Help me to love every person as You love them. When I see impossible situations help me to change my vision and instead see the situation as an opportunity for You to glorify Your name! Amen.

ON WORD

Prayer Walk

- Walk around your neighborhood today and pray that God will supernaturally intervene in people's lives. As you walk, listen to God and ask Him how to pray.
- What are the major concerns in the area in which you live: homelessness, divorce, depression, gangs?
- Pray that God will perform miracles in people's lives. Remember, you are the light of their world.

Day



BACK WORD

The Twice Healed Back

Alan Steven, Australia

There was a woman in her 70's who lived across the road from The Salvation Army Hall. Through our ministry, she gave her heart to the Lord and started coming to meetings. However, she hurt her back so badly she was unable to leave her home. It grew worse and worse until she could not get out of her chair. This made even getting into bed extremely difficult.

Someone from our Corps visited her and told her that God could heal her. Understandably, she was very interested and invited our council into her home to pray for her. We gathered around her and prayed that God would heal her. Although we told her, "Rise and walk," she was hesitant. Eventually she did get up and was amazed! God had healed her back. However, we could see that it was our faith that healed her and that she had not exercised her own faith yet.

The next morning, the devil told her she couldn't walk anymore. She believed the lie and her back was once again painful. We did not give up. We gave her more teaching about

faith and how to keep her miracle and we prayed for her again. This time, although she had faith, nothing seemed to happen. I left her that day with these words, “You know what to do now, keep believing God for your miracle.”

The next morning I was in my office when I heard a knock on my door. She jumped into the room and theatrically said, “Ta-da!” God had healed her overnight because she believed in the God who heals!

IN WORD

Acts 3:1-10

Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple, which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered into the temple. He, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, “Look on us.” And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something from them.

Then Peter said, “Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have, I give thee: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And leaping up, he stood and walked and entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God, and they knew that it was he that sat for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him. (KJ21)

The BACK WORD story sounds like something from the Bible. Praise the Lord for this healing! Even though God is not stuck in formulas He often follows a pattern. We have not heard of many people putting spit in eyes to heal vision as Jesus did; however, following His example by commanding those who have been prayed for to respond with some kind of immediate action, (such as “rise and walk”) is a great exercise of faith for both the speaker and listener.

We are expecting “greater things” from God in our day; however, greater things implies that we have experienced the things God did in the past. In the BACK WORD and IN WORD, we have two groups of people, apostles and Corps council members, exercising their delegated authority to heal someone.

Note that the devil jumped in quickly to steal the woman’s healing and succeeded for a short time. This is an important lesson for us—we should watch our backs. Paul exhorts us to live up to what we have already attained. We do not want to lose any ground that we have gained through the blood of Jesus and power of the Holy Spirit. So, let us be watchful and wise.

Also note the example of the Corps council. They did not shrink away and put the incident behind them. They dug in and gave her more teaching and prayer. Let us not give in, should the enemy momentarily prevail, but instead deposit truth and faith into people so they can add their own faith to God’s mighty power to defeat the enemy in their lives.

BOOTH WORD

“The healing of the sick directly by the power of God has from the beginning been associated with the office of prophets, priests teachers, apostles – and, indeed, of all those, known by whatever name, who have been the agents of God on the Earth.” ~William Booth~

UP WORD

Lord Jesus Christ, You promised we would do greater things. I don't want to be arrogant or greedy; I want to be obedient. I am reminding You of Your promise and asking if I can please walk in greater things everyday of my life? I want to be so close to You that You can depend upon and trust me with Your delegated authority. I desire to release Your wonder-working, world-winning power to accomplish all that You want me to do in Your Name. Amen.

... let us deposit truth and faith into people so they can add their own faith to God's mighty power to defeat the enemy in their lives.

ON WORD

Fasting

- Fast something for “incurable” diseases. Every day people die of incurable diseases like AIDS. Think of something to do without for the day—it may be food, TV, or anything else.
- Then, when your day is interrupted because of your fast, pray for those who suffer with these diseases.

... let us be watchful and wise ...

Day



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BACK WORD

Treasure Hunt II

Craig Merrett, Australia

One night, after my friends and I prayed for the Holy Spirit to direct us, the Lord led us to the Corps parking lot next to a supermarket. The Lord revealed to Paul that as an act of servant-hood we had to put all the loose grocery carts back where they belong. However, the first cart Kym came across had a perfectly new exercise book in it.

Then the Lord prompted Paul to go into *Domino's Pizza* to ask for free pizza to give to someone needy. The four of us prayed for divine favor and that God would perform this sign. Phoebe and Kym remained in the car and interceded and before long Paul and Colin came out with three boxes of pizza. Initially, the attendant shook his head indicating there was no way he would give pizza away, yet “something” made him change his mind. We ended up with two full (untouched) pizzas and one box with a few extra pieces.

Because the pizzas were cold, we went back to the Corps to warm them up. We grabbed some *War Crys* (a Salvation

Army magazine) and pamphlets. Then Kym noticed there were cartons of eggs on a side table. Our Lieutenant permitted us to take a carton and hearing that we were on another treasure hunt mission, she also gave us a blanket.

Driving down a nearby street, we noticed a man on a bike and immediately knew the pizzas were for him. Jumping out the car, Kym offered them to him and he gratefully accepted. His joy was very real as he mentioned that he was going to share them with a friend.

Next, the three of us were independently given a word of knowledge that the carton of eggs and the exercise book with a prophetic note stuffed in it was to be left on the doorstep of an elderly Italian woman in Myponga Street.

The War Cry, with a note of encouragement, was to go into the letterbox of a nearby believer's house and the Lord led us back to another street to put the blanket and a note in a certain spot. We prayed that a homeless person would be led to it. The next day, when we checked, it was gone! Father, we praise You for Your abundant blessings and the blessing of Your abundance!

IN WORD

Mark 14:12-16

It was the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. That was the time to sacrifice the Passover lamb. Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?"

So he sent out two of his disciples. He told them, "Go into the city. A man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. He will enter a house. Say to its owner, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room? Where can I eat the Passover meal with my disciples?' He will show you a large upstairs room. It will have furniture and will be ready. Prepare for us to eat there." The disciples left and went into the city. They found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover meal. (NIV)

Treasure hunts are great fun. Hundreds of pirate movies have been made depicting the quest for buried treasure. When you look for something that is hidden, you must follow the clues to get to where you want to go. It is intriguing, full of twists and turns, without knowing where the next step will lead you.

The above IN WORD story is an example of a Treasure Hunt that Jesus gave to His disciples. The treasure map was His instructions and if they followed His directions, everything would be just as it was intended. In this story, Jesus tells the disciples they will find a specific man, carrying a specific jar, who will give them a specific room that is large, furnished and ready for a Passover feast!

Jesus had explicit instructions for the disciples. Even though these events would happen in the future, Jesus knew where to send them, what would happen and what they needed to do. All Jesus required was their obedience. When the disciples obeyed Jesus, His word was proven accurate.

Jesus has an assignment for you, too. You may not know where He is sending you, what is going to happen, or what

you are to do when you get there. Nevertheless, you do have the Treasure Map—God’s Word and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They will not lead you wrong or ever let you down. Obey the Word of God and the Holy Spirit’s leading and you will be amazed at what God has prepared for you!

BOOTH WORD

“We believe that this conviction may, when it is not opposed to the will of God, be attained by fasting and prayer. He will teach us what to ask for. As the Apostle says, “We know not what we should pray for as we ought; but ... He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for Saints according to the will of God.”
~William Booth~

UP WORD

Jesus, You are the Boss; Your will is my command. I choose to listen to You and obey You today. I accept the assignments You give me and I will devote my days, my life to completing those assignments. Amen.

ON WORD

Treasure Hunt

- Today you are to go on a Treasure Hunt. You will ask God for clues and follow His voice.
- Spend some time in prayer asking God to speak to you. Ask whom He wants you to pray for today and expect Him to give you a name, a face, a clue about an article of their clothing, or even a picture of something that highlights what He wants you to do. Then ask Him for the place He wants you to meet these people.
- Go and find whoever He sends you to minister to and complete whatever He sends you to do.

*Obey the Word of God and
the Holy Spirit's leading
and you will be amazed at
what God has prepared for you.*

Day



BACK WORD

The Reluctant Healer

John & Adele Vale, Australia

Before Jason and I left one Corps for the next, a word of knowledge was spoken over our lives: “Your ministry is going to change but there will be a cost involved.”

A few months into our ministry at the new Corps, a soldier named Gary, who was a schoolteacher with a prominent position in our Corps, was to have back surgery and the outcome looked grim. While at a Divisional Officers Fellowship meeting, one night I was awakened by God who told me in a very clear voice that I was to pray for Gary’s healing when we returned home.

I argued and argued with God telling Him that I didn’t have the gift of healing! I gave Him many other excuses: “I haven’t done this before! I don’t know this person very well! What will people think? We don’t do this in the Army!” Nevertheless, God didn’t let up, so I agreed to do it.

The next morning, I told my husband about my argument with God. He agreed that I should be obedient. Upon our

arrival home, we phoned Gary to ask if he and his wife would come to our home that evening and we told him that we wanted to pray for his back. Gary was stunned by our phone call because he had cried out to God in the shower that morning inquiring desperately, “Who are You going to send for my healing?”

We asked another couple to join us and be part of our prayer. God had specifically told me that after we shared God’s Word together, we were to pray. I had to put my hand on Gary’s back and my husband was to say the final prayer and put his hand on Gary’s head. We were obedient down to the last detail.

About 6:00am the next morning, we received a phone call. Gary was ecstatic. He could tie his shoes for the first time in years. His pain was gone and he was healed!

My excitement in seeing God work a miracle through us was an experience I never will forget but it proved to be only the first of many times God has used us to heal. We were just being obedient, allowing God to minister through us. Yes, it was taking a risk but I did not want to get to heaven and hear God say, “If only you had been obedient, Gary would have walked and not been confined to a wheel chair all those years!” I believe God was teaching us a valuable lesson: “Don’t keep Me in a box; I will and I can do whatever I want, whenever I want, through whomever I choose—just be OBEDIENT.”

“... we were just being obedient ...”

IN WORD

John 15:14

You are My friends if you do what I command you. (NASB)

We want to stay close to Jesus and we do it through obedience. Sheep that intentionally and habitually disobey their Shepherd are in danger of no longer belonging to His flock. They have wandered off and are headed toward a different destination. It is essential that we remain close to Him and obey the Lord Jesus Christ.

BOOTH WORD

“We believe that we ought always sympathise with the sick, pray in faith for their recovery, and at the same time use all available and lawful means to check disease, relieve suffering, and prolong life.”

~William Booth~

*Yes, it was taking a risk but
I did not want to get to heaven
and hear God say,
“If only you had been obedient ...”*

UP WORD

Wow, Lord! You and I are friends IF I do what You command. Although it may not be a popular doctrine, I want to be Your true friend. I don't want to settle for being a spectator, a flirter, or a fair-weather follower. I want to be Your constant friend and I recognized that means I need to always obey You. Please help me not to deceive myself about being submitted to You. Help me not to settle for a culture of Christianity that doesn't require my obedience. Amen.

ON WORD

Past Failures

If you have been doing the ON WORD sections, you will have prayed for many miracles by now. Most likely, there have been times when God answered those prayers and there have been times when He has not answered in the way you hoped.

- Do not give up on what appear to be failures.
- Spend time today in prayer for the miracles that have not yet occurred.

Day



BACK WORD

Intestinal Healing

Dina Kennedy, Canada

My daughter, Tamara, was 10 years old when she started to have stomach pain. The doctor ran a batch of tests but they came back normal. She continued to have pain so in November the doctor did a Barium x-ray of her small and large intestines. The x-ray showed 10 polyps on her small intestine.

The doctors said that the only way to get rid of them was surgery. I was quite upset about Tamara having a surgery and asked if a change of diet or something else would help. They were adamant that the only solution was surgery. The specialist recommended removing about five inches of her intestine.

The next step was to have a colonoscopy. As soon as we found out Tamara's problem, her father and I started praying for her at home and at the Corps. We wanted a miracle and expected one. The night before the surgery, I went to pray with her as she rested on her bed. I laid hands on her and prayed in faith for healing.

The next day before the surgery, the doctor took one last x-ray. He then told us that he had no idea what had happened but the polyps were gone! Her father wept when he learned that Tamara was healed and would no longer need surgery!

Tamara asked the specialist if he believed in Jesus. She then told him, “Jesus took my polyps away.” The doctor said that if that’s what she believed, it was okay with him. Through this healing, our family’s faith grew deeper and we learned to trust God more than ever.

IN WORD

Mark 9:19–25

“O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” (ESV)

Sometimes all that is needed is to exercise a bit of faith in the One Who is worthy of that faith. Often people put their faith in things that are unworthy of it. It is not so much a matter of the quantity of your faith but the object of it. When we exercise even a little faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, He proves dependable and our faith increases.

BOOTH WORD

“We believe that in answer to prayer He (God) does for them what is beyond the power of human skill. He pardons sins, changes hearts, delivers from trouble and temptation, and heals disease.” ~William Booth~

UP WORD

Yahweh, You are faithful. You have proved Yourself faithful to billions of people all around the globe. I choose to put my faith in You today. Open my eyes to see the situations where I can exercise that faith. I know You will not let me down for You are forever faithful! Amen.

*It is not the quantity of your faith but
the object of it.*

ON WORD

Pray For Three People

- Go out of your way to pray for three people today who need a miracle.
- Do not just pray at home, go lay hands on them and pray out loud.
- When you pray, thank the Lord for the miracles He has done in the past and continues to do today, then pray in faith and in Jesus' name expect God to do something!

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BACK WORD

Sight Restored

Excerpt from *Power For Witness*, August 1883, UK

“**G**od has done a wonderful thing by healing my eyesight by faith. About three years ago my eyesight failed me and I became short sighted. During this time I had to increase the strength of the glasses six different times as my eyesight was deteriorating at such a rapid pace. To be without my glasses for even half an hour would cause my eyes pain and weariness.

“I went to two London hospitals and saw several doctors, but they informed me there was no cure but I could have glasses to help my eyes. About a month ago I became sure that God would heal me. For two years past I had believed in faith healing and took a great interest in these cases but I never applied the blessing of healing to myself.

“As I read Matthew 8:17, the words struck hard and I knew that Christ could heal today in the same way He did when on earth. After breakfast we read this eighth chapter of Matthew and I was determined to be healed. It was about 9:40 when we

went down on our knees. I laid my glasses down on the table and felt assured I should not again require them. The Major prayed for about 10 minutes and claimed the promises. I then followed him in prayer, and asked God for the restoration of the fullness of my sight.

“I then believed that God had done it and thanked Him for it. I arose from my knees perfectly healed, with my sight fully restored! God had not done it gradually, but suddenly!”

IN WORD

Matthew 8:16-17

When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: “He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases.” (NIV)

Don’t you love reading stories of exciting miracles? They get your blood pumping; they make you think and fill you with awe and wonder.

Stories from the Bible tell us what God has done in the past, miracles that have changed lives and the face of the planet. The Bible also tells us why God did them—they speak of His love and compassion for those in need and how He is moved to act by the faith of His people.

Healing stories remind us that God continues to perform the miraculous in our day. They call attention to the fact that Jesus is still alive and doing miracles, but now acts through

Believers. They point out that God still responds to simple faith. Therefore, testimonies of miracles build up our faith and challenge us to believe for the so-called impossible.

When we hear stories of what God is doing, it is easy to respond, “Sure, I believe in miracles.” However, it is riskier to take a giant leap of faith and believe that God will use us for a miracle. They remind us that we need to apply the promises of the Bible to our own lives; not simply consider them true but act as though they are not. If we allow them to do so, miracles can and will impact our lives and even change the course of history.

Do you really believe God still does miracles? Apply the promises found in the Bible to your life today and you will be blown away by our miracle-working, history-changing God!

BOOTH WORD

“The columns of our different *War Crys* have recorded, from time to time, hundreds, nay thousands of instances, showing that God has been graciously pleased in answer to Believing Prayer, to go out of His usual way in order to work marvels on behalf of our people.” ~William Booth~

*Jesus is still alive and doing miracles
but now acts through Believers.*

UP WORD

Yahweh, I definitely want to add my share to the thousands of reports of Your faithful answers to believing prayers. Help me to be instant and consistent with my prayers. Help me to turn to You at every opportunity, to pray hard, to pray long, and to pray often (even non-stop!). I love You! Amen.

ON WORD

Renew Your Mind

We are told in Romans not to conform to the thinking of the world but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. The world tells us what to believe and expect to happen in the natural. Jesus, however, offers us a very different worldview that takes into account God's supernatural, miracle-working power.

- From now on, instead of seeing impossibilities, begin thinking of the impossible as merely an opportunity for a miracle.
- Find ways to implant in your mind that “nothing is impossible with God” so that when you encounter a seemingly impossible situation, you automatically pray for and expect God's intervention.

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BACK WORD

Healing in the Womb

Major Ntoya, Republic of Congo

One day a female officer brought to my office one of her soldiers who had a problem. She had been pregnant and was overdue but the pregnancy seemed to have disappeared and her womb had become like that of a woman without a baby.

I offered a prayer claiming the blood of Jesus to cover her and her husband. I claimed the baby to be back in the womb of the mother. Several weeks later, I heard that she had delivered her baby safely! Praise Jesus!

IN WORD

Luke 13:10-17

One Sabbath day as Jesus was teaching in a synagogue, he saw a woman who had been crippled by an evil spirit. She had been bent double for eighteen years and was unable to stand up straight.

When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Dear woman, you are healed of your sickness!" Then he touched her, and instantly she could stand straight. How she praised God!

But the leader in charge of the synagogue was indignant that Jesus had healed her on the Sabbath day. "There are six days of the week for working," he said to the crowd. "Come on those days to be healed, not on the Sabbath."

But the Lord replied, "You hypocrites! Each of you works on the Sabbath day! Don't you untie your ox or your donkey from its stall on the Sabbath and lead it out for water? This dear woman, a daughter of Abraham, has been held in bondage by Satan for eighteen years. Isn't it right that she be released, even on the Sabbath?"

This shamed his enemies, but all the people rejoiced at the wonderful things he did.

Sometimes we think that Sunday is merely a day to worship God. We may go to our Corps meetings or churches, sing songs, pray and listen to preaching without seeing anyone saved, healed, or even helped.

The religious people of Jesus' day thought that "God-Day" was just a time to look at God and act religious. Jesus, however, had other ideas. He wanted His day to be a time for doing good to others—an occasion for people to be healed, set free and helped!

Some people have suffered various forms of bondages for many years. You no doubt know people who are enslaved to one thing or another. The woman in this passage had been suffering for eighteen years!

When Jesus came into her situation, He did not wait for the “right” day to set her free. TODAY is the day that He wants to heal people—to set people free. Today is the day He wants to help the needy and save people! Tomorrow may never come for some but everyone has today. This day is the day for a miracle. What are you waiting for?

BOOTH WORD

“In illustration of God’s goodness to us in this respect, the history of The Army is full of remarkable answers to what is called the Prayer of Faith, and I am full of confidence that we shall see far more remarkable things done by His almighty arm in this direction in the future.” ~William Booth~

UP WORD

God of all miracles, I want today to be the day for miracles! I want to see You do miraculous things TODAY! I am believing for healings, deliverances, unity among people, and provision! I want to see You change the world I live in, not just tomorrow or next year, but today! Help me to live out this belief and do my part every moment of my day! Amen.

ON WORD

Nursing Home

- Visit a nursing home today and pray with people who need a miracle.
- Go lay hands on them and pray aloud.
- When you pray, thank God for the miracles He has done in the past and continues to do today, then pray in faith and in Jesus' name and expect God to do something!

*TODAY is the day Jesus wants to heal
people—to set people free.*

Day



BACK WORD

Hepatitis C Cured

Major Danielle Strickland, Canada

Kath was a person who had a constant problem with domestic violence and drug addiction. However, she was beginning to make some good choices by coming to our cell group, receiving and offering prayer, and even joining our worship band on occasion. Out of the blue, she started to suffer fatigue and other inexplicable illnesses. She went to the doctor for blood tests and tested positive for Hepatitis C. This was a blow and our cell group gathered to ask God for His mercy to heal her.

The next week, she went for another test and the diagnosis completely changed. She not only tested negative for the disease but also to ever having it. The clinic ran further tests because they thought their results must have been faulty. The outcome was two tests confirming the negative status of Hepatitis C in Kath. This was important in her own faith development as she realized God's great love for her and that He had a purpose for her life.

IN WORD

Matthew 10:1

Jesus gathered the twelve disciples to Him and gave them the permission and power to kick out demons and to heal every single sickness and disease there is! (41–Days Version)

Can you believe that? Jesus gave the twelve disciples the power and permission to heal every single disease in their world! Think of the worst diseases you can—Jesus gave them permission and power to heal it! Consider all the diseases in the world that cannot be cured like AIDS or Hepatitis C, as in the story above. Jesus gave permission and power to the disciples to heal those diseases!

The New International Version of this passage says that Jesus gave them “authority.” Authority can be defined with two words:

Permission – Jesus has given us permission to go and heal the sick. We have authorization to break the natural laws so that others may be made whole

Power – We have the power, or the ability, to heal every single disease—even those called “incurable.” Jesus not only gave the twelve this permission and power; He also gave it to seventy-two others and encouraged them to pray for more workers to do the same. That means you and I have that same permission and power to heal every disease on the planet! This means that every sickness and disease is subject to our authority and has to obey us.

Now that you know you have His power and permission, what are you going to do with your authority? Are you going to allow people to walk around weighed down by their diseases even though you have the authority to heal them? Or will you exercise your authority and command the disease to leave them in Jesus' name? The choice is yours.

Does it sound too good to be true? Well, it isn't! Thousands of saints who have gone before you have exercised authority over sickness and disease! Do not forget—nothing is too hard for God. No sickness or disease is beyond His cure. When you pray for the sick, remember that every sickness is subject to your command because God has given you authority over it. Hallelujah!

BOOTH WORD

“When Jesus Christ sent forth His apostles, He gave them power not only to preach, but to heal the sick.” ~William Booth~

*Jesus has given you
permission and power
to heal every disease on the planet!*

UP WORD

Thank You, Yahweh, for this 41-day adventure. I want it to transform my life, not just be an interesting diversion from my routine. Please lock into my spirit everything from You that has come to me through this book. Help me to remember it supernaturally, to meditate on it regularly, and to employ it effectively every day for Your glory. I give You all glory, all honor, all power, all wealth, all strength, all blessing, and all praise. You are worthy of that and so much more. Hallelujah! Amen.

ON WORD

Miracle Lifestyle

Over the past 41 days, you have read about many miracles. Hopefully, you have taken some risks and stepped out in faith to pray for needy people.

You may have attempted the ON WORD assignments and some may have worked and people were saved, healed, and set free, while others may have felt unproductive.

This ON WORD is not your final daily assignment. Every day has its own potential and possibilities as you learn to listen to the Lord. Now, I challenge you to use the tools you have acquired from this book to create a supernatural lifestyle—a life that brings God’s Kingdom to everyone who crosses your path—everyday.



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Time flies when you are having fun and we hope that you not only learned something but also enjoyed our guide to 41-days of miracles! If you have experimented with the ON WORD challenges of the last 41 days, you probably have some great testimonies to share—by all means share them! If you have studied the Scriptures in the IN WORDs, then you have a better grasp on God’s purposes for miracles than you did when you started. If you reflected on the BACK WORD stories, you have much to praise God for and have been encouraged to have faith for God’s provision in our day. If you read BOOTH WORD then you discovered the Bible-based faith and zeal that drove The Salvation Army to great feats for the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you prayed the UP WORD sections, you will likely have seen answers to your prayers already.

This is only the beginning. I encourage you to work through the book again for another 41 days and take on any ON WORD challenges you may have missed, to drill deeper into the Scriptures, to continue to pray the UP WORD prayers and become more familiar with General Booth’s

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teaching. The deeper you dig, the more gems you will mine. Share this book with a fellow believer.

Continue to listen to the Lord, obey Him joyfully, and preach His miraculous gospel to everyone. You can populate new zip codes in heaven! You can transform lives here on earth. You can make a massive difference in our world by your zealous application of the lessons the Lord has been teaching you. Make the miraculous your lifestyle.

We encourage you to continue to seek to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ by miracle-working warfare in His name. God bless you.

APPENDIX I

How to Hear God's Voice

“Call to me and I will answer you ...” (Jeremiah 33:3).

“My sheep will hear my voice ...” (John 10:27).

One of the most liberating experiences we can have is to realize that prayer is a two-way conversation with God. God is always talking; therefore, we need to find ways to listen. There are many methods we can use to hear God. He speaks to us through the Bible, our senses, circumstances, signs, our feelings, other people, during worship, preaching, and many other ways.

Asking Jesus to speak to you through your imagination is a method you may find helpful in learning to hear the voice of God. When we ask Jesus to speak to us this way, faith is required. Some people will find this easy; others a little harder but they should persist with it. We believe everyone can do it successfully. You can modify it to suit your personality if needed, but if you will practice, you will hear Jesus speak to you.

1. Get Comfortable—Go to a quiet place and rid yourself of all distractions. As you become better at this style of prayer you will learn to better recognize God's voice and may be able to hear Him even when it's noisy. The Bible says, “Be still and know that I am God ...” (Psalm 46:10).
2. Pray - Ask Jesus to speak to you through your sanctified imagination. Tell Him that you are His sheep and, therefore, you believe you will hear Him (John 10:27).
3. Picture Jesus - Close your eyes and imagine that you are

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in a peaceful place. (It may be a beach, park, cave, by a waterfall, etc.) Then picture Jesus walking up to you.

4. Speak then Listen - Ask Jesus these questions:
 - What do You love about me?
 - When was the last time You laughed with me?
 - What concerns You about the world?
 - What excites You about the world?
 - What would You like me to do about it?
 - Once you ask a question, accept the first thing Jesus says as His answer.
5. Test it – Ask yourself these questions:
 - Is what you believe you heard Jesus say true?
 - Does it line up with the Word of God?
 - Did the Jesus you pictured during this experience have the same character as the Jesus does described in the Bible?
 - If everything matches, take it as true; if it doesn't, then leave it.
6. Other Ideas - You can meet with Jesus in all sorts of places and ways in your imagination. You might try an ancient method called “listening prayer.”
 - Read a story from the Gospels and imagine yourself as one of the story's characters.
 - Relive the story with your imagination, then consider how the ministry of Jesus to your character in the story impacts you personally!

APPENDIX II

Are Demons Real?

Demons are real. Jesus encountered them and commanded us to cast them out. Therefore, we need to be knowledgeable about them.

How Demons Can Enter

The devil comes to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10). Demons must have a legal right to enter into a person. Just as we invite Jesus into our heart, we can also invite demons. We do this by agreeing with what they say. For example, we can agree with Jesus, Who will lead us to life, freedom, and salvation, or we can agree with the demonic, which leads us to death, bondage, and hell.

Sin, hurts, curses, and the occult are common ways to invite the enemy into your heart. However, this does not mean that every time you sin or are hurt by someone you become demon possessed. It is when we disobey God and believe the lies of the we give the enemy opportunity to enslave us.

What Demons Can Do

- They can tempt us to act or think a certain way (Luke 4:1-13).
- They can cause us to act differently (Matthew 8:28, Mark 9:17-18).
- They can make us sick (Matthew 12:22, Luke 13:10-12).

What Jesus Promises

“I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:19).

What should I do?

1. **Armor** - Put on the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6). This means living a holy life, believing the truth, and living in faithful obedience to Jesus Christ.
2. **Be Wise** - If you think someone may be possessed by a demon see your officer, mentor, or pastor and share your concerns. Do not engage the enemy on your own.
3. **Fight** - Exercise the authority Jesus has given you to resist the demonic (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

APPENDIX III

How to Pray for Healing

This book is definitely not about “magic formulae” that guarantee healing. However, there are a few points to remember.

Jesus did all sorts of things when healing the sick: He spat on people’s eyes, made the blind walk down long flights of stairs, He prayed, He rebuked, and He commanded.

The book of Acts shows us several ways people were healed in the Early Church. Peter commanded a man to be healed and he was healed (Acts 3:1-7). Ananias placed hands on Saul and he was healed (Acts 9:17-18). When handkerchiefs that Paul had touched were placed on people they were healed (Acts 19:11-12). Peter’s shadow fell on people and they were healed (Acts 5:15), and more.

There is no one-way to heal the sick. But the following scriptures describe some elements of prayer for the sick:

- Jesus commands us to heal the sick (Matthew 10:8).
- Jesus has given us the authority to heal the sick (Matthew 10:1).
- We are told to pray for the sick (James 5:13-18).
- We need faith to heal the sick (Mark 9:23).
- Some are given a special gift to heal the sick (1 Corinthians 12:9).

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To get you started, I have listed a few examples of what to say when praying for the sick depending on how the Holy Spirit leads you:

- In Jesus' name, be healed.
- Sickness be gone in Jesus' name!
- Jesus, please heal (name the disease and/or person).
- Leg, in Jesus' name, grow back!
- Life, return, in Jesus' name!

Once you have asked for healing, have the person test their healing. This is an act of faith. Repeat as necessary and you will be amazed as people's faith grows and God heals the sick!

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Do All People Get Healed?

The short answer is “no.” Why they are not healed is a whole other story. There are a number of reasons that healing does not always take place. Following are a few reasons and some ideas that may help to understand this challenging subject:

1. **Lack of Faith** - Jesus asks for faith when healing the sick. If there is no faith present for healing then it is unlikely to take place. However, sometimes Jesus acts out of grace and heals people even when there is no faith. The remedy for this roadblock to healing is to simply trust that God’s Word is true and believe (Mark 6:5-6).
2. **Sin** - There are several examples in the Bible where people were sick because of sin. If this is the issue then they must first repent of sin and then believe for their healing to manifest (James 5:16).
3. **Demonic Possession** - Sometimes a demon will make a person sick (a spirit of affliction). When Jesus kicked out demons, the illness left. In the same way, we can command demons to leave in Jesus’ name and call forth healing (Mark 9:25).
4. **Not in God’s Timing** - Sometimes God is waiting for a specific time to heal people. Listen to the Lord to hear what He is saying about a healing; perhaps it is not His timing. If it is not time be patient and ask God what He wants to do (John 9:3-5).

5. **God Has Not Allowed It** - There have been many strong, committed, holy, faith-filled Believers who have not received their healing this side of Heaven. For some reason, although faith is present and all other requirements are met, God does not always heal. God may reveal His reason for withholding healing or He may not. Regardless, we are commanded in Scripture to heal the sick and to believe for healing; therefore, we must never give up believing for their healing, even if it means we must wait until they are promoted to glory.

APPENDIX V

How to Lead People to Christ

1. **Find a sinner.** Find people who have not repented for their sins and do not yet believe in Jesus Christ as Savior.
2. **Tell Them About Jesus.** Explain to them why it was necessary for Him to die on the Cross and rise again three days later (to save them from judgment for their sins and give them the abundant life). You may want to tell them about what He has done in your life, in the lives of others and what He has promised to do in their lives when they choose to follow Him. Emphasize the Good News of Jesus Christ!
3. **Give Them an Opportunity to be Saved.** Now that they have heard about Jesus and what He has done for you, others and what He wants to do for them, invite them to be saved. Explain to them they must repent of their sin, which means turning away from sin towards Jesus. In addition they must believe that He arose in victory from death to save the world.

Everyone needs to repent and believe in Jesus as their Savior. Merely changing your lifestyle, attending church, or doing good deeds is not enough. Make sure that you arrange for the converts to be discipled once they are saved! For more examples of how to lead someone to Christ go to: *goforsouls.com*.

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